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Orlando Field Day Score 9204

Without a doubt the Florida Clubs had their best Field Day in 1961. All scores up! More clubs participated, with more equipment and more amateurs. All clubs did not report by deadline time, but here is a listing as they were turned into Skip.

First, we would like to offer our sincere congratulations to the Orlando Amateur Radio Club (W4PLB) for turning in the highest claimed score. Needless to say the gang worked extremely hard to rack up such a high score. It proves they are tops among our Florida Clubs. The final announcement will be made about the Florida Skip FD trophy being awarded to the Orlando Amateur Radio Club when the final scores are published in QST in a few months. (Remember last year?)

Here is how the scores stacked up from reporting clubs:

W4PLB Orlando	9204
W4NVU Dade (Miami)	8433
K4GSD Royal Fraternity of Screwballs	8217
W4SA Miami Springs	7179
W4UHY Jacksonville	6975
W4YKY Lake Co.	5094
W4UES Panama City	4452
W4KC Fort Myers	4260
K4ALI Pensacola	4098
K4DPZ Gainesville	3954
W4SRX Eglin	3690
W4MRC Hialeah	3523
K4BDT Manatee Co.	2772
K4BV Daytona Beach	2532
K4LDR Noname FD Assn.	2331
K4YOQ Hillsborough	2076
K4IYJ Tallahassee	1992
W4AB Broward Co.	1830
W4UHC Ancient City	1512
K4ARK Tallahassee non club	395

And for the record, here is how they ran by total contacts:

Miami Springs	1052
Royal Frternity	913
Dade	912
Lake	794
Jacksonville	748
Panama City	742
Fort Myers	685
Gainesville	659
Eglin	534
Hialeah	500
Manatee	418
Daytona Beach	397
Hillsborough	346
Tallahassee	307

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Meet Mr. Side Band newly elected President of the Florida Side Band Assn., Guernsey Curran, W4GJI, Palm Beach, Florida. Tip has gone completely SSB from 6 thru 75 meters. From the looks of his operating tables he could probably operate on about 3 different bands simo. Our congratulations to the Florida SSB Assn., on its election of new officers and a wonderful organization (Photo by W4GJI)

Dear Glady's

We have just come back from a three-week camping trip. For the first time in five years we had a vacation from radio. We left the rig sitting there in the shack and locked the door behind us. No mobile converter, no whip, no halo, no log. Just us, a camping trailer and a big map.

We camped in Florida the first two nights. Both parks had deep springs to swim in, friendly campers to talk with and cool nights with a little rain on the canvas to lull us to sleep. The birds twittered in the stillness. One went chip-chip-chip . . . chip. Clyde mumbled, "Wonder what S-E means in bird-talk."

We spent a night in southern Alabama with only one other trailer in the entire forest. It was a beautiful spot but lonely. I was scared. There was an awful lot of wilderness surrounding us. Clyde looked out at all of that untamed nature and said, "Sure wouldn't have any line noise here." It was such a comforting thought that I went right to sleep.

Several days later we were driving through the Smoky Mountains. The hills rose up, the valleys slid straight down under the road and we had to lean out to see the top of the next mountain. There on a blue peak, out-

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The Official Bulletin Station appointment offers an excellent opportunity to serve your fellow amateur. The number of appointees permitted within a given section however, depends upon the coverage required which in our case amounts to approximately seven or eight operating on 80 or 40 meters. The number of VHF OBS appointees depends upon net and area activity in this medium and this type of appointee is not considered in tabulating the allowable number. Oficial okay on this has not yet been obtained from ARRL but no difficulty is expected. At the present time this section is represented by fifteen OBS stations of which five are VHF so you can see that we have overreached our quota somewhat and new aplications will have to remain in suspense until cancellations take place for some reason or other.

In making initial application for OBS it would be best to do so in the form of a letter indicating your proposed schedule and frequencies, a description of your equipment including antenna system, the type license you hold, (this should be conditional or better), and something of your operating experience. A R R L membership is mandatory. At least three broadcast schedules per week are required. Please do not consider using any frequency above 20 meters unless VHF. If application is for VHF indicate the aproximate number of stations you will be serving. If CW operation is contemplated remember that speed in operation is not desirable but that clear smooth sending is a must. In phone operation each bulletin must be transmitted just as though you expected a receipt for it on the air. Give receiving operators the chance to write it down.

This office requires that an informal report of OBS activity be submitted at the end of each month indicating adherence to schedule or reason for not doing so, change of schedule and any other pertinent remarks. Thanks and 73s. K4SJH.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dere Edditer:

You ain't rite. Here, I ben reedin' yer mess fer all these yeres, and now, yew want me to pay fer it! It jest goes to show yew, yew top dogs is all alike. Whin yew fellers git to eatin' off the top shelf, yew dont kaire what happens to us pore fellers at all.

I'm a referrin' to yur dadburn dun yew sint me fer skip. Fust two yurs I got it, yew paid me two plugs uv Brown Mule to take it, and now yew want me to pay yew two bucks fer it. Yew din't say how long Us'd git it fer two bucks, but I guess another tin yurs.

I'd Kansel th' scription, cept its the oney way I kan keap up with thim revenooers over crost the holler. They writes artikles in skip about makin' coils an' Tanks and they'uns knows there stuff, and I wud'nt want to mis eny of there artikles.

What with the price of corn squeezin's as porely as it is, an' me needin a new pare of brogans and' a new worm, its a wonder I can pay fer it at all.

Here, all these yeres I aint never committed eny spurious remissions, ner raised eny Tennessee Valley injuns. It jes dont seem rite. I bet you fellers, eatin high on th' hog dont pay fer no skips. Thanks fere nuthin'.

As ever,
Harry Hogwash

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LETTER TO EDITOR

We wish to take this opportunity to advise you that we will not be able to continue with the writing of the Dade County 6 Meter Column due to other commitments. We further wish to express our appreciation for having had the privilege of writing for your publication and have sincerely enjoyed it.

My biggest satisfaction is in hoping that your readers have enjoyed our short scribblings and do hope that someone with a little spare time might pick up the column. However, we will from time to time be sending in items that we feel might be of interest to your readers.

73 Walt Stock, W4IIS

SILENT KEY

We have just learned that Jack Binns, the man who sent the first distress signal CQD to bring about a successful sea rescue, died December 8th. Many intriguing sea stories have been written about Jack; we regret to hear of his passing. He was rewarded the Marconi Memorial Silver Commemorative Medal and a citation in recognition of his heroic and outstanding work as a wireless operator aboard the SS engersRepublic carrying some 2000 passengers and crew when she was rammed by the Italian Ship FLORIDA on January 23, 1909.

A SILENT RIG

We are sorry to report the passing of George Ashton, W4-RGF/W9PNV, who passed away June 25th at the age of 68 in Winter Haven, Florida. George was active on the amateur bands. (Please see HAMBAR re W4RGF equipment.)

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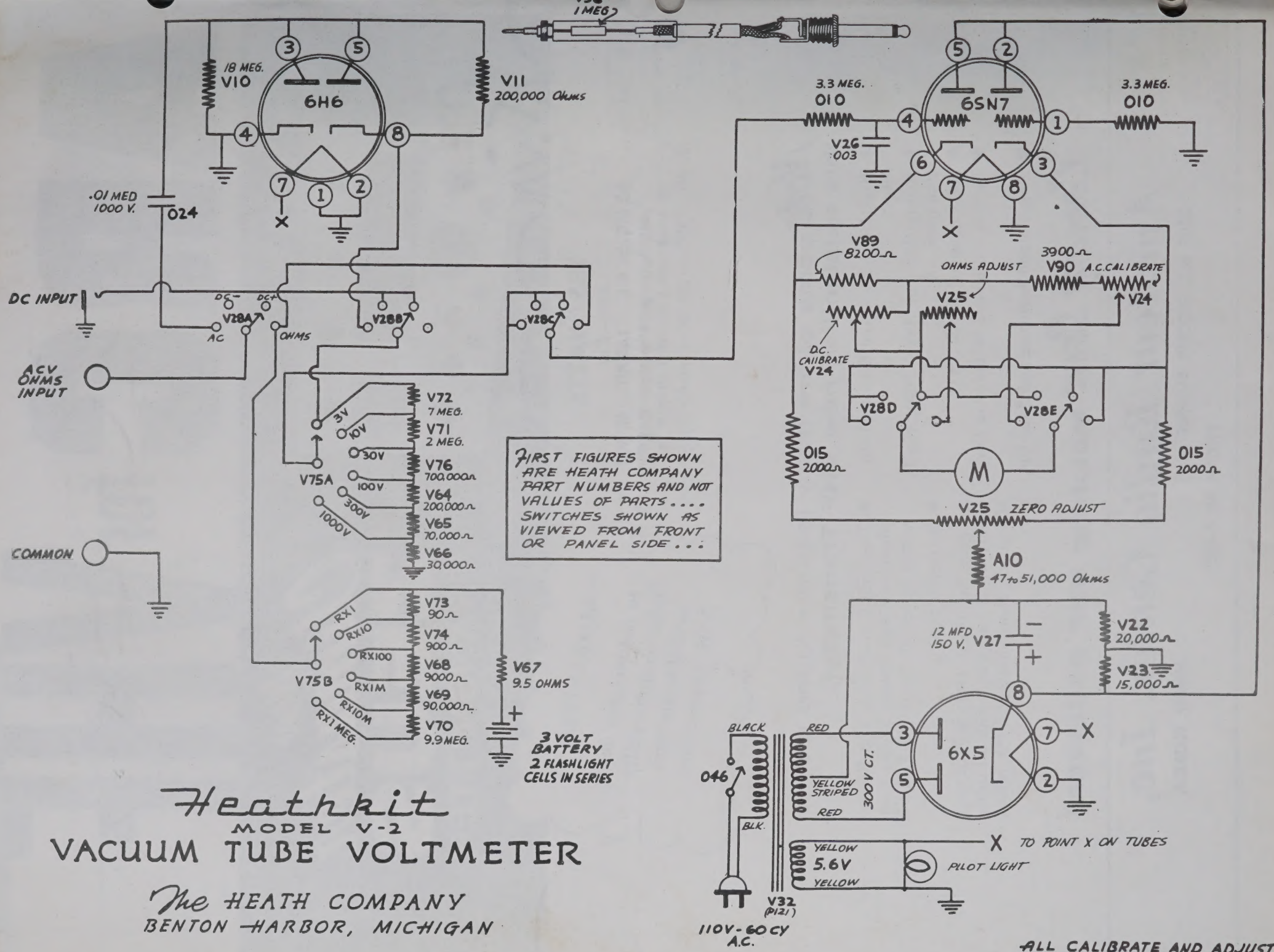

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BROWARD COUNTY 6 METER NEWS

By Fran Adams

With band openings almost every day I have not had much time to chat with the locals, however, there are quite a few new hams around. Here's a few I have heard: W4VRR of Hwd.; W4VRK, Dick of Ft. Lauderdale; WA4ALS, Jerry running a Challenger; W4UII, Dick; K4LTW, Tom using a Sixer-mobile going back and forth to hospital work; K4VSQ; and K4WSA.

KP4AOD-4 Brother Frank has been keeping in touch with his friends in P.R. by 6 meter phone.

W4LLX, Tommy is building Sue W4VSG a Heathkit Transceiver. If Tommy is lucky he may get a chance to operate once in a while. Sue is a Floridora YL.

K4BZ, Al is having receiver troubles and is missing out on the good openings. Hope to hear u soon.

K4UVS, Jim will soon be heard with K4SCS, Jim's old rig. Gud Luck Jim.

The rare states like S.D., N.M., Utah, Mont., Wyo., Nev., have been heard and worked by lucky hams in this area. Hope they QSL.

Hamfest, Hamfest, Hamfest

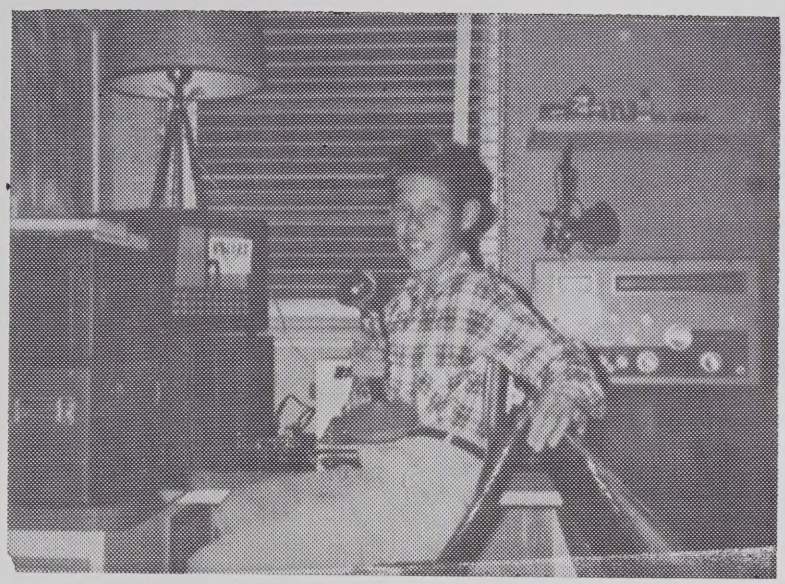
The fifth annual DBARA HAMFEST will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3, 1961. The Club's Hospitality House on Flamingo Drive, Ellinor Villiage, will be open from 10 a.m. Saturday until midnight for registration, eyeballs and light (?) refreshments. A Dutch Treat Dinner is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday.

Those desiring to eat with the gang should inform Adam, K4-UJW (he always loves to eat) at the Hospitality House before 5 p.m. so he can make the necessary arrangements at the "Aropics".

Sunday's activities will be at the recreation center on the beach end of Granada Avenue in Ormond Beach, starting at 10 a.m. A complete snack bar will be managed by CAP cadets on the premises. Any all-day swap shop will be operated at no charge.

Prize drawing will be at 2 p.m. Prizes are small but plentiful. The only charge DBARA makes for any of these activities is 50 cents each for registration. Over the years, DBARA's hamfest has been offered as a low-cost, informal type hamfest where Florida hams can gather with their friends for a week-end of rag-chewing, visiting and relaxation at the end of summer.

Come, bring your XYL, kids, old gear or what have you. Wear shorts or swim suit, barefoot if you care, bring a picnic basket if you would rather not eat at a restaurant or the snack bar. Overnight reservations at Ellinor Village or any motel available can be made by you directly or by contacting Clyde Mashburn, W4SDR, P. O. Box 88, Daytona Beach, Florida. Make'em before August 10 if possible. Hope to see you there.



New Tampa novice WN4AAX, Art M. Diaz, 12, who operates from 3217 North "B" Street. Roy Scott, W4UHF is looking for more snap shots. See page 2 for his QTH.

PLEA FOR HELP

Editor:

I would like to place an ad in the HAMBAR section for four hearing aids. These units are to be donated to four youngsters who are my neighbors, home on vacation from the School for the Deaf at St. Augustine.

The parents of these youngsters can't afford the hearing aids. At present the cheapest is being made by Japanese manufacturers for the minimum price of $29.95. I know that there are persons willing to donate their old hearing aids, or hearing aids that are in repair. I will repair those units that are in need of repair, and give the youngsters the hearing aid in the name of the donor.

I sure would be grateful for the help in placing the ad in SKIP and I'm sure some hams could and would help in the true spirit of what hamming stands for. 73 Dave Goodman K4ELT, R3 Box 395 Lakeland, Fla. (See HAMBAR section for ad.)

DX TIP

ARRL strongly suggests and recommends that all U.S. and Canadian amateurs make 14,335 kc. the pratical limit of their 20-meter operations. To permit amateurs in other nations to work us and each other with maximum success, W-VE's will avoid any use of the 15 kc. 14335-14350 kc.

The idea is to permit BETTER DX by all concerned. The Board Meeting report and editorials in July QST will give you more on this subject. Most clubs are strong for the idea, and we hope every amateur who operates "20" will work at this, i.e., talk up and by example give us the better operating conditions we need. AM phone is traditionally at the low end of this band, with s.s.b. at the high end. DX amateurs (that is all but us W-VE's) can do most to make the plan work by answering only our stations that are operating below 14335 kc.

(ARRL CD BULLETIN)

NEW PRESIDENTS

It appears that ARRL League Officials now serving E & W. Florida were elected as president of a Radio Club. It goes like this: Frank Butler, W4RKH, SCM W. Fla. Pres. Ft. Walton Beach (Eglin ARC); George Thurston, W4MLE SEC. E. Fla. Pres. Tallahassee Radio Club; A. L. Hamel, K4SJH, SCM. E. Fla. Pres. Broward Radio Club and Andy Clark, W4IYT, SEC. E. Fla., Pres. Miami Springs Dog-Catchers Assn. With these fireballs heading up the clubs, look out Field Day 1962!

PAY FOR AMATEUR LICENSE?

The subject of fees for FCC licenses is again a live one. Chairman Minow has indicated his support, not only the idea of a fee system, but one which would carry charges sufficient to recoup the entire FCC operating budget! While nothing official has been released by the Commission, trade journals carried stories on a proposed fee schedule purporting to be internal "staff recommendations." It was reported, for example, that applicants in the Safety & Special Radio Services would be charged $20.00 — excepting amateur, disaster and RACES station, for which the fee would be $5.00. (Ed. and the CB?) Various commercial communications services would be faced with fees of several hundred dollars; common carriers and broadcast stations would be taxed a certain percentage of their annual income.

Whether or not these reports are accurate, it is unlikely that official action, if any, will be taken prior to the FCC's August recess. In any event, there would be a notice of proposed rule-making. Keep your eye on QST for details. (From ARRL Wirectors' letter 1122.)

CB LICENSE PLATES?

A Citizens Band licensee in South Carolina recently turned up with a 6W— call plate on his automobile. Investigation by local amateurs developed that the state's highway department had never been instructed as to precisely what constituted an amateur or an amateur call sign.

The matter has been straightened out, and CB license-plate applications are now being turned down. It might be apropriate for you gentlemen and women to have a check made on state motor-vehicle agency procedures to prevent similar instances elsewhere. (From ARRL Directors letter No. 1122.)

YUCATAN EXPEDITION SUCCESS

As reported in last month's Skip, the 50'ketch, the Vagabond sailed from Fort Myers on June 20th. Aboard her was a crew of 6 scientific men who were headed for the Alracran Reef which is well off the shore of Yucatan, Mexico. Why? To study the role of marine plants on a living (growing) coral reef. The expedition was sponsored by the Duke University and the National Science Foundation.

Joining the Duke expedition was a group from the University of Texas Institute of Marine Science at Aransas, Texas and another from the University of Mexico.

As stated last month Ye Editor received a request from Dr. John T. Conover, W1QLT, Assistant professor of botany at the University of Rhode Island, to help set-up a traffic schedule between the Vagabond and stateside. A quick QNC on the nets brought excellent results. A radio guard was set-up for W1QLT-MM upon departure from Fort Myers on 705 kc. Top c.w. operators like K4SJH, W4DVR, W4ARV, W4-TUB, W4SMK, W4KET, K4EHY, W4OVO, K4LCF, W4IYT and others kept a very close guard on the Vagabond during his month's visit to the reef.

John wasn't permitted to use any frequency lower than 7 mc while at sea, and we had plenty of QRM, QSB and QRN to fight off on many a sked. The skip distance was also against us most of the time. Even with all these little troubles the operators were able to handle 90 messages from the Vagabond plus weather reports and "sea states." The U.S. Air Coast Guard in St. Petersburg had the Vagabond's Float Plan on file and each evening they received a position report from John while they were in route. This allowed quick dispatch in case the Vagabond sent out a QRRR.

Dr. Conover told Ye Editor he would drop us a few comments on his trip (from his end of the circuit) after he got home and got rested up. Look for'em next month. In the meanwhile thanks to all for your excellent support.

COMMENORATIVE STAMP

Word has reached us that Walter P. Weber, K2EE, and others, have been working on a commenorative stamp for the Radio amateurs on their 50th Anniversary of the first license issued in 1912.

The stamp will have pictured a amateur sitting at a receiver. The wording on the stamp will say U.S. AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS 200,000 strong fostering good will and public service. 1912 — 50th Anniversary — Amateur F.C.C. Radio License — 1962.

Walt writes: "In order to get this postage stamp out, a flood of letters will be needed. Send yours to New York Senator Kenneth Keating or to address below. Senator Keating was successful in getting the stamp on the tentative list of the Post Master General for issue in 1962.

"The ground work is finished, now all we need is a flood of letters" says Walt. "If they can get a stamp to honor a chicken and a water fall in Washington then amateurs should have one too."

How about talking up the commenorative stamp deal on the air with your friends. Let's all help get this stamp before the public in 1962. For more details write: Walter E. Weber, K2EE, 79 Lakeside, Angola, New York.

FLORIDORA YL SONG

By Marge Campbell, K4RNS

Verse: (a beat chant)

F—is for Florida the Floridora's Home,
L—is for Ladies of the 4th District Zone
O—is for OMs which most of them have
R—is for Radio on which all of them gab
I—is for Interference, QRM and TVI
D—is for Dit Dahs —on CW — Oh My!
O—is for the zero on the frequency they meet
R—is for the Radiograms sent and received
A—is for All the Floridora Hams, The prettiest nicest bunch of YLs found on any band.
Y—is for Yessire, they QSL O.K.
L—is for Later, when the work gets done each day —
S—is for Sure, and let's shout it loud—

The Floridoras is a group of which Ham raido can be proud.

CHORUS: (tune similar to "On Wisconsin.")

Floridoras, Floridoras, Florida YLs,
Signals with a VFO or a sharp Crystal,
Floridoras, Floridoras, known on land and sea,
Spreading friendship and good will, with such courtesy,
Floridoras, Floridoras, always may they live,
Contributing to Ham radio — all that they can give.

HARS NEWS

By Roy Scott, W4UHF

The Hillsborough Amateur Radio Society held its Field Day participation and picnic at Keystone Lake on June 24 - 25th. Field Day score was 2,076 points, 346 contacts on 7, 14 and 21 mc on emergency power and less than 100 watts input. CD drill was also part of the program. The picnic was a big success with lots of fine prizes donated by local distributors. The June meeting of HARS was held at the same time. On-th-air- meetings will be held on July 25 and August 22nd at 2200 EST on 51.45 mc., with the next regular Society meeting scheduled for September 26th.

Preliminary plans for a Hamfest in Tampa were announced. This Hamfest will be combined with Field Day 1962. Complete details and site of the Hamfest to be announced in later issues as part of the programming of a Society "Dedicated To Public Service."

All Society members have been urged to check their emergency gear, especially emergency power, now that the hurricane season is with us. Generators, gas engines, batteries and antennas should be in top shape, and also a supply of extra gasoline should be on hand. All members have been reminded of the importance of being ready for any emergency or service the Society can render to our community, county, and country.

DX - PEDITION TO HK0TU

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the readers of SKIP about the DX-pedition of HK Zero TU made last March and April. I worked HK3LX, who was on expedition, and he asked me to inform as many hams as possible that he is the QSL manager for the Malpelo Island expedition, HK0TU, this year.

It seems that many hams have sent their QSL's to K9DVF, who was the QSL manager last year. So, whoever wants Malpelo Island confirmed that worked HK-0TU will have to send this QSL and SASE to HK3LX at P.O. Box 584, Bogota, Columbia, South America. Ed, HK3LX, informed me that the QSL's are going to be printed up and will be ready soon.

I hope it is all right to use SKIP as a medium to get the information across.

I want to thank you all for your cooperation in this matter in behalf of HK3LX and all those involved in HK0TU. 73, Harry L. Eisen, K4MYZ.

FLORIDORA YL NEWS

By Anne Pitcher, K4RDX

W4FE, Art, and Ruth, K4ANR, paid a recent visit to the Daytona area and everyone had Ruth baking biscuits again! Walt and Mim, K4VNA-W4IUR; Clyde, W4SDR; and Marge and Jim, K4RNS-K4-RNR all enjoyed the treat and all say it is much fun to watch Ruth make the biscuits as to eat them! When asked for the receipe Ruth says it is about so much flour in a shallow pan, add about two fingers of baking powder, about as much salt as can be balanced on a .47 mfd disc capacitor, yea much of shortening, mix in either sweet milk or buttermilk (in which case add some baking powder) to proper consistency (about like dough); then stir up, beat up, roll them up or cut them out, bake quick in a fast oven — and by guess and by Grace THAT'S IT! Biscuits?

Before leaving for a trip around the state, Walt and Mim, K4VNA-W4IUR had a most enjoyable visit from Mack, W4DVR and his XYL. Dot, W4MUY, will be checking into the Floridora Net more often now that the work of restoring their home and business after Donna's visit is about completed.

Heard that Marge had an interesting contact with OA8M, Mary, a Missionary in Peru recently. Lucy, K4RED, reports an enjoyable Eyelash QSO with GW2BG, the Mayor of Abergavenny, Wales, while in England.

While working for the Maritime Mobile Certificate, Marge, K4RNS, contacted a maritime shipper and worked 3 different Stations on one ship! Each station was on a different deck and were: K3OOR, W3WVF, and W4-WYI. Cute contact, Marge!

After having been off the air a few weeks with tonsillitus, Jeri, K4RCX, is back with us and feeling fine. She has been working 2 meters and found a new Floridora WN4BMC, Mike there! Jeri try 2 meters on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1330 for a big surprise.

Primary interest of WN4-BMC, "Big Mike Calling" is a traffic and emergency work. She is doing a FB job on 2 meters with that new Johnson 6N2 transmitter.

Welcome to Sara, W4VSG, that "Very Sweet Girl," another new Floridora. Sara is on 2 meters with a beamed 20 watts and enjoys Rag Chews.

Happy Birthday : Aug. 6, K4-MDZ; 7, W4TDK; 12, K4IJM; 13, K4RDX; 14, K4UHA, W4-VSG; 15, K4LFA; 24, WTQQ-4; 26, K4OEP; 29, K4QOS; 31, K4-YKD.

FROM HERE 'N THERE

Art Monsees, K4EXM is presently signing KR6AM on Okinawa and hopes to be back in the Miami area in the near future. W4VWL, Ray and his XYL, W4-NGE, Regina are back at the old stamping grounds, muting DX on 15 and 20 meters, after 10 years absence. They both say "glad to be back." — Jensen Beach. From Fort Myers: Disneyland was wonderful, but kids cleaned me out, but please don't stop my SKIPs. Here's my two bucks for another fine year. Earl K4FQU. Ormond Beach: ED, Adam K4UJW, is Ohio bound to fetch his XYL Mary back home. Reports have it, Adam can't stomack his own cooking . . . Who was the guy on the SSB that broke in on a QSO, talked for 20 minutes, disappeared and never signed his call. Nice huh? SWL-W4.

WEST PALM BEACH NEWS

The following from the West Palm Beach Radio Club's paper "SAILFISHER" we read the following. Bob Hope W4GWF, EC for Palm Beach County was elected president of the WPBRC during the annual election at the July 5th meeting.

Other officers are: Don Hodges K4LVW-W1OH, vice president; Ray White K4TBG secretary; Tony Litschauer W4JQ, treasurer and Hank Sallenback K4-QBS, Station Engineer. The unopposed slate of nominees were presented by a committee, including: Ted Caldwell K4IFQ, Ben Trescott W4TH and Tony Litschauer W4JQ.

It seems like WPB amateurs are holding key spots, such as, Tony W4JQ Master Oscillator of the Knights of the Kilocycles; Tip Curran, W4GJI, President of Florida Side Banders and Bob Hope W4GWF, Secretary of SSB-ers.

MARS BC 20

If the Chiefs MARS were called upon to select the most important single factor contributing to the success of the MARS program there is little doubt that they would credit the efforts of those individuals who have served and are serving as State CARS Directors. State and Area coordinators and Nat and Alternate Net Control Stations.

In dividuals in these and similar volunteer positions such as Training and Supply Officers and Bulletin and Technical Writers form the backbone, the hardcore of the MARS membership. Often criticized, seldom praised they continue to volunteer their services to MARS for the common good.

Their individual efforts may vary in value, may even at times be arbitrary but as a whole their motives are genuine. These individuals deserve the respect and cooperation of all members. Without them MARS would not prosper nor be the success it is today. Constructive criticisb is welcome but praise for effort and a job well done is even more welcome.

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Highlights of the June meeting of FMARC was K4SJH's visit and talk about the ARRL and ham activities in general. Ham's talk was informal in style with plenty of chance for questions and answers, but it sure had a lot of "meat" in it about the obligations we owe ARRL and amateur radio for this privilege of operating. Lots of the comments hit pretty close to home the boys said, and sure made us think. Hope we get some good results from it all in the form of more traffic net activity, ARRL appointments, better on the air procedure, etc.

Incidentally, K4SJH is a FB speaker, a heck of a nice fellow, and a real credit to E. Fla. section. He's also big enough to back up some of his points, as you will find when he yisits ur club or group, hi. Will be looking forward to his next visit.

Right on K4SJH's heels this month the club played host to SEC, Andy, W4IYT. With all his activities, growing family, full time job, etc. we don't see how he had time to make the trip, but sure glad he did. We showed him a little better AREC organization this year and a CD set up to be proud of. We learned some lessons from Donna, but many were quickly forgotten, sad to say. Hurricane season is here, and there is much to be done.

Maybe you don't realize it, but being Editor of Fla. Skip alone is a full time job, not to mention Betty's work on the mag, family duties and all. Skip needs your support and help in many ways besides just subscribing.

More big news locally was the Vagabond expedition that departed Ft. Myers for Alacran Reef June 21 and returned July 11. Dr. John Conover, W1QLT-mm was our guest at the June meeting, and gave an interesting short talk. We took the last piece of traffic for John from K4SJH at 1730 July 11, and then drove him to the airport to catch his N.Y. plane. He reported a FB trip with good wx, sucecss in his research, and was enthusiastic about the way the Florida gang stood by to take tfc. Details will be in this issue of Skip.

Locals who did thir share in the Vagabond schedules were W4-TUB, Fred who was always on the freq. and copied when lots of us could not. Also W4DKJ, W4-KET, K4ZIF, W4SMK and others were active here. Unfortunately we live 5 blocks from a 5 KW AM station on 1410 Kc. whose loud 5th. harmonic is on 705 Kc., so often it was neg copy hr on W1QLT.

Field Day was a rousing success in spite of rain storms, bugs. a few burned up rigs and antenna rotors, etc. We operated as W4-KC-4, not as W4LX as reported in last month's column. Bill was in town and let us use his FB contest call. Hope to get the score in this month's Skip but don't have it right now. The turn out was excellent, the phone gang did a swell job this year, and W4KET and rest of the FD committee want to thank all concerned for making it the best FD yet.

Other local splatter — W4KET and XYL Ann are expecting Jr. Op No. 2 in the near future. Herb is looking for a bigger shack, or I mean house.

W4SMK has a new Hy Gain triband beam up now at home, after it served well at the FD site. I'm an expert at putting the thing together since I did it 3 times in two weeks.

W4PJG is back from Air Force Reserve and ironing bugs out of the GSB-100. Any DX Lou?

6 meters activity is still high here, and will pick up more when the CD gear arrives. W4KET reports working a couple of new countries on six. Better make hay while the sun spots shine, boys.

Didja hear the one about the two hams who were stranded by a DXpedition on a remote Pacific island? After ten years of being out of touch they found a note in one of those new King sized Coke bottles. Ignoring the note one horrified guy looking at the bottle and said to his buddy, "Good heavens, Joe, we must be shrinking."

That's enough fer one session. CU next month. 73

Ken, W4SMK

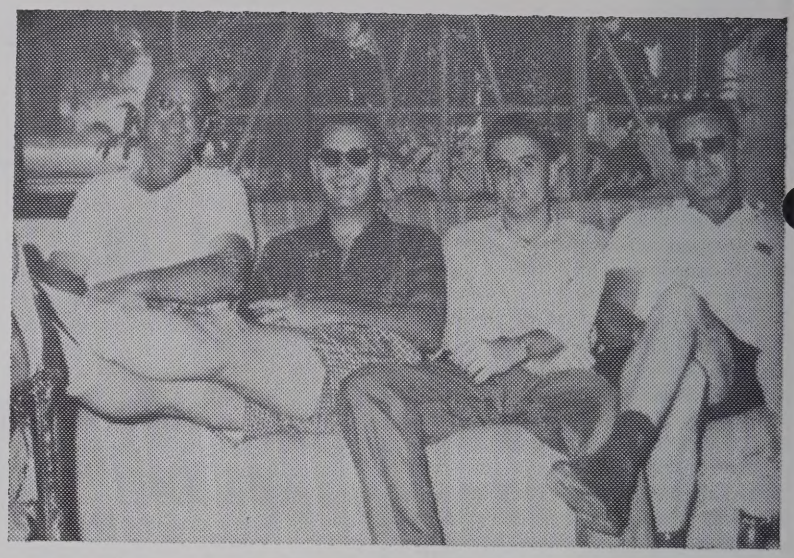
ARRL OB 806

Amateurs are again reminded to beware of the radiation of harmonics from amateur stations in frequency ranges outside the amateur bands.

ARRL Official Observers continue to send out reports in an effort to keep amateurs out of difficulty with the FCC.

Amateurs, especially those newly licensed, are urged to make sure their transmitters and antennas are radiating at the desired output frequency rather than at a harmonic. All are requested to help the new licensee in this respect.

Refer to Chapter 23 of the Handbook for eliminating harmonics.



Legs Inc., belong to L to R: Walt K4VNA, Jim K4BOO, Dale K4BHL and Herb K4LCF. Pix taken at Walt's QTH. All are members of the FPTN which meets at 1200Z Monday thru Saturday on 3945 kc.

CONCH CYCLES

Field Day 61 was a lot of fun. That's just about it as far as the Key West Amateur Radio Club goes. Our station went up, antennae and all, very easily but the generator donated for use turned out to have a D.C. output. Frantic search finally located another; but after about 5 hours of use, it sprung an oil leak. So W4LLO-4, Stock Island, Key West went onto commercial mains and thus was out of the running in FD competition. W4OUX (Chairman of FD Committee), W4MLR, W4TRU, W4EJD, W4-CNZ, K4PLS, and K4TFT had a great time anyway and about 200 contacts. Better luck next year.

W4OUX, Frank is sporting a new Viking Valiant.

K4DEX, Lance has a new Heath "Twoer" and joins the 2M MCEN.

Couple of nice fists — W4AT and W4YFW on Sunday about 1230 on 3890 kc or so. Good to hear the CW section of MCEN.

Monroe County RACES plan has been submitted to Florida State CD for approval, according to Lou (W4MLR) Monroe County RACES Officer. It is expected that soon the County CD Headquarters station will have it's call sign and become active under the able direction of Mr. William Warner the recently appointed County Director of Civil Defense.

The two meter section of the Monroe County Emergency Net has decided to change it's time and frequency of operation. New time — 2000 Thursdays; Newferg —144.45 Megs. Since the old time of 1300 Sundays was just one half hour before the 75 section, this move was made to provide more time for a round table after the net.

New—(or old Hams back on the air) in Key West: K4QLM, Wilfred; WA4BPF, Mel; W1ENS-M4, Don; WA6BKI-4, Don.

Welcome to Dixie, WA4AEO of Sugarloaf Key. Both a novice and a technician, Dixie can be heard on 40M CW at present and hopes to join the general gang soon. Incidentally Dixie is the only YL currently a member of KWARC.

W4KQQ of Saddlebunch Key is back on the MCEN with a FB signal from a TCS. Bob states he is reworking his big rig and hopes to have it working again soon.

Harry, K4HEN, reports his maritime mobile rig is in fine shape and ready for the Hurricane Season.

John, W4ATX of Elberton, Ga., recently visited W4LLO. John, a Commander in the Naval Reserve was pulling his two weeks active service with Key West Test and Evaluation Detachment.

Jim, K4TFT is proud as punch over his new 40M mobile rig. Frank, W4OUX also joins him on forty now that his rig has been modified to work that band.

The "Conch Net Certificate" is still available to any amateur submitting proof of operation with any (5) Key West Hams. Send your applications to W4-LLO, P.O. Box 579, Key West, Florida.

That's the story from Continental USA's Southernmost Ham Club — in the Fishing Capital of the world.

Burt, W4CNZ

OVER 40 YEARS AGO

In the August issue of QST for 1920 we see a nice list of old Timers in "QST's Directory of Calls" on page 33. We thought you would like to see them. They comprise the entre "Fourth District."

H. Raymond Martin, 915 Seventh Street, Miami, 4BH.

Winford W. Brown, 214 Seventh Street, Miami, 4BI.

Samuel Mishler, Route B, Miami, 4BR.

Maurice D. Clark, 1924 Swift Street, Jacksonville, 4BP.

William E. Wood, 809 Palm Avenue, Miami, 4BS.

Don W. Moore, 78 Filer Avenue, Miami, 4CJ.

Wm. A. Marsh, 135 Bayside Park, Miami, 4DE.

The first two on the list are old time mutual friends and buddies of FLORIDA SKIP and are still going strong in this area. Martin is a Labatory Technician and Engineer for Aeronautical Communications Equipment Company in Miami. Brown, active in MARS, retired Coucilman and Fruit Grower, Packer, Soil Chemist. is well known for years at "Browns Airport," Homestead. Sam Mishler, we've lost track of, though some of the boys remember the Scrips - Booth he used to burn the back roads with. He lived out in the country, which is known now as "Miami Shores." Maurice Clark, 4BD, is now W4JR and has been heard quite regularly up in Annandale, Va. The Naval Reserve gang around Jacksonville will remember him at NDU. William E. Wood, 4BS, later 4AGY, for many years was president of the old Miami Amateur Radio Club. Bill dropped out of Ham Radio in 1939 though he has kept his Commercial 1st Telephone and 2nd Telegraph and is still Wire Chief of the Western Union in Miami. Bill is well remembered for his emergency hurricane work in 1930-31 and by the grape - vine we hear he is coming back with us. Don W. Moore, (Call now owned by Tom Graves, Miami for many years) left Miami to become Editor of Cosmopolitan Magazine, later went to Los Angeles with MGM Scenario department. We wonder where he is now. William A. Marsh, 4DE, that grand old gentleman every one had a good word for is now deceased. It is said he "discovered" that a light bulb lights in the center of a radiating antenna. God Bless his soul, we hope he has everything in control.

Much, much more could be written about these boys, perhaps some day we can each to sit in the "Old Timers Chair."

TIP'S TIPS

W4GJI

At the Ocala SSB conference State CD Communications Director had a little gadget on display — 'Melvin's Mobiler de Luxe' Over the years we have bounced, cursed and sweated through many forays in a varied and sundry assortment of so-called emergency commtrucks. Most of them, even those of military type scrounged out of budget tidbits, were makeshift at best; ill lit, a mass of cables and wiring, poor antenna planning, second rate generators and bad tempered soaking wet operators falling all over each other. Anybody remember?

Now let's get aboard a first class school bus painted white with the State seal and identification in royal blue. The driver's compartment is adequate and fully equipped and has a transceiver on the Highway Patrol frequencies. In an offset is an air conditioner which cools the entire bus. The main body is the operating room and the overhang houses a 5KVA gas-driven generator which starts at the touch of a button, and is sound and heat partitioned. Inside this partition there is a vertical rack on each side which holds transceiver units for each of the State departments that are radio equipped such as Fish & Game, Forestry, SRD, etc. Along each side of the main body is a wide counter with chairs in front of sections which are paneled cubbyholes. At each of these is a remote handset which is fed to to one of the rack units and, but for this and a pad, the counter is bare. Overhead neon units give soft light throughout. One rack is adjusted for a KWM-2. Up by the curve of the eave are a number of coax leadthrus which make contact with feeders as desired. It's colossal! ! !

The editor says that this issue will carry a picture of our station. For some reason replacing an HT32-33 combo with a second KWM2-LA400C section has caused comment, some of which has shown sincere interest. Ordinarily discussion of the gear in an individual station is relatively impolitic. However, in this instance the resultant is due to careful deliberation which categorically involves community effort.

Briefly, the ultimate was to obtain and adequate amplified signal output from units of minimum weight and maximum portability capable of rapid relocation with a modicum of fixed performance loss. The KWM2, 516-F2 and LA400C combination provided a clean, well amplified audio signal which was consistently within 5 to 10 db of bulky highpowered amplifiers. The operation being transceive, frequency change is positive and stable. Returning for band change is simple and rapid. We concluded that we had arrived at a pretty fine fixed station; but to have two may seem a little ritzy, though it is not unusual for a visitor to be working 20 on one side while we are on 75 on the other.

However, consider it from another viewpoint. The units weigh 18, 25 and 38 pounds. Even this old decrepit can pull and pack the entire line including a Mosley V-4-6 vertical with portable radial system in less than 5 minutes, convey it to any location with power (or carry generator) and be set up ready to operate in 10 minutes with the station capability virtually unchanged. That goes for a trip, a picnic, field day or in particular a disaster operation in which event the fixed station remains available as a ready unit. This seems worthwhile; be it for personal Civil Defense or AREC pursuits.

The little boxes either side of the scope are the new P & H AR-1 units for energy transfer from exciter to antenna through or around the Linear, and they are real quiet and efficient.

May your tubes run cool ! !

TRAFFIC HOUNDS

(West Florida — June)

W4MLE	176
K4JDW	69
W4WEB	49
K4LOL	25
K4BDF	22
K4VND	18
K4ZMV	5
(May)	
W4SRK	236
K4CNY	213
K4LOL	31
K4BDF	9
(April)	
K4CNY	276

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QNI	292	129
STNS	37	28
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	W4WHK	W4MLE

First off this month, we have just heard from W4ATA in reference to a new slow-speed Net to be held at 2000 EST-0100 GMT. Right now it is in the planning stage, and experienced operators who are interested in volunteering their services are needed. A volunteer is also needed for Net Manager. QRN during June was not too bad on the average. There were some rough nights though but the gang held in there. Welcome this month to W4TUB, Fred, in Ft. Myers. He hasbeen assisting W1QLT-MM in their traffic relaying. Hope Fred will stay with us. W9APZ-4, Duke is down to Ft. Walton from Indiana. Don't know if he is visiting or going to stay. Welcome to Florida anyway Duke, and glad to have you check in often. K4-EHY, Dan finally wrestled his home-brew 9TO keyer into working order after blowing up the power supply. Hi! Sounds real good though (he has another power supply). Speaking of 9-TO's there are 4 on QFN. They belong to W9APZ-4, K4EHY, K4-FMA and W4MLE.

As time rolls on, operating procedures and skills of the fellows are increasing. This in itself is a very beneficial asset to QFN. One thing though, many of the Net Controls complain that stations do not QNZ properly. The procedure is really simple and an extra five seconds taken in QNZ will help. First tune in the Net Control, then turn off the BFO and turn on VF0 and tune until there is no more hetrodyne.

Be a little more careful when you QNZ and give the NCS a break so he does not have to tune over the band looking for QNI.

Until next month — 73.

Don-K4FMA

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THE PHONE PATCH — AND THE LAW

Is a phone patch legal? If not, haw could so many amateurs be using them? In order to understand how the amateur's use of phone patches is regulated, it is necessary to know a little about the applicable field of law.

The most common applicable phrases in the tariff schedulfe of virtually all telephone companies are the "foreign attachment" regulations. A typical foreign attachment provision reads as follows: "Customer shall not use or permit to be used any electrical or mechanical apparatus or device in connection with the service or facilities furnished by the telephone company without the written consent of the telephone company. In case any instrument, apparatus, or device of any kind other than that furnished or approved by the telephone company is attached to or connected with any part of the telephone company's property, the telephone company reserves the right to remove such instrument, apparatus, or device or to deny serve so long as such instrument, apparatus, or device is so attached or connected or to terminate the service."

Another typical foreign attachment provision reads as follows: "Equipment, apparatus and lines furnished by the telephone company shall be carefully used, and no equipment, apparatus or lines not furnished by the telephone company shall be attached to or used in connection therewith unless specifically authorized in this tariff. When equipment, apparatus and lines furnished by the customer or subscriber are used in connection with equipment, apparatus or lines furnished by the telephone company, the equipment, apparatus and lines furnished by the customer or subscriber must be connected solely with the telephone company's system. Similar traffic regulations are filed with the Public Utilities Commissions in the various states by telephone companies servicing primarily intrastate communications.

Phone patches fall into three classifications. The inductive type (in which there is no direct connection with the lines); The second is a patch in which there is a mechanical connection to the phone only (the coupling being made by induction); and the third, and probably most common a direct electrical connection to the lines or equipment.

Therefore, a phone patch is a "foreign attachment" as stated in the tlephone companies regulations.

There have been a couple of cases, i.e, the Hugh-A-Phone and the Jordaphone cases, in which the reasonableness of the "foreign attachment" provisions were attacked. One of these devices involved an electrical and mechanical connection between it and the phone, and the other involved only a mechanical connection to the phone; nevertheless, it was ruled by the FCC that both were "foreign attachments." Therefore the phone patch, as stated above, is a foreign attachment.

CONCLUSIONS

The following several suggestions might be considered to prevent legal complications where phone patches are used.

1. If possible, get written permission from the telephone company to use the phone patch.

If the local company does not cooperate, contact the local CD coordinator. The use of phone patches has a distinct civil defense use, and the amateurs request, coupled with a recommendation from the local Civilian Defense Coordinator, will probably turn the trick.

2. Have the telephone company make an appropriate line outlet connection or install an appropriate line outlet jack for use with the fone patch. (Incorrect installation which fouled up the local telephone company's circuit has caused trouble in several instances).

3. Request the local telephone company to run line tests to determine if the patch as installed is creating any line interference. (On several occasions where this technique was followed, the companies cooperated without any question as to the validity of the patch).

4. Be sensible in connection with the use o fthe patch. (The telephone companies are charged by law with maintaining high efficiency in connection with their lines, and any interference would cause the company to take steps to abolish their use.)

Many amateurs are probably using phone patches without the permission or knowledge of the phone company. This might work out fine and then again, it might not. Certainly the amateur is much better off in having the permission of the company to use the patch.

The basic reason for the prohibition of foreign attachments it to give the telephone companies a right to control the equipment used in connection with or connected to their service systems. It is foreseeable that traffic regulations in the future may specifically state that phone patches are exempt from the provisions of the "foreign attachments" clause, but as yet, they are not.

K9GSV - CARC - ARRIER

Fran Adams, K4PPX, mother of two boys, XYL of K4QQE, SKIP Correspondent and winner of the FLORIDA SKIP SIX METER W.A.S. CONTEST. The placque (center) was presented to Fran at the banquet of the Orlando ARRL Convention. Congratulations again to K4PPX a true VHF'er! QTH Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (LQS: CROP TO SUIT)

M.S.R.C. FIELD DAY

Something different was tried this year on FD by the Miami Springs Radio Club. In years gone by the FD site was set up under one tent or in one covered truck. This year it was decided to "spread out."

Two large covered trucks were rented and placed 900 feet apart in an open field west of the Springs about 4 miles near the new Palmetto by-pass. Each truck was a complete Field Day site in itself. Equipped with emergency generator, spare gas, beams or quads, doublets, tables, chairs, transmitter and receivers.

About mid - way point between the two stations the XYL's set up a chuck wagon, FOOD, that is! It was a good walk each way from the truck and by the time you reached there — you were starved!

Two Gonset 2 meter communicators were used as "intercoms" between the 2 stations.

FD coordinator, Earl Carter W4YHW made up a "watch-list" well in advance. He grouped all good phone and c.w. operators together. The two teams worked about 6 hour shifts. This allowed all 14 participating amateurs to get some sleep throughout the 24 hour exercise.

When the final gund sounded at 4 PM. all antenna masts, beams, generators were loaded in the trucks and were quicklmy returned to its owner. All equipment was tagged by it's owner and nothing was lost.

As always, all members worked very closely together and needless to say our score wasn't the highest, but we had a lot of fun trying. See you next year. (See scores elsewhere in this issue.)
- AC

FCC BEHIND

FCC is badly behind in processing amateur License applications, the delay often amounting to more than 70 days, and unfortunately, there will be no summertime extra help this year to work on the backlog. Preferential attention is being given to new applications, with renewals taking a back seat. Please help spread the word to amateurs not to burden FCC with inquiries tracing renewal applications, as you know, if the renewal application is filed in good time before expiration, the individual amateur may continue operating even past the expiration date until his renewed ticket is received from the Commission. (J. Huntoon, General Manager - ARRL)

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FAST NET GOING PLACES

The FAST net, under the able assistance of K4DBT is really going places traffic-wise. George's first month as Assistant Manager loomed up with a traffic total of fifty. If he keeps up at this rate, I will probably be ordering more of your Florida Skip message blanks regularly.

I wonder if you would mention in the next issue of SKIP that, beginning on August 1, the FAST net will meet at 7:00 p.m., instead of 7:30 p.m., and that there will be a roll call. The second session will continue to meet at 8:30 p. m. (0130 GMT) on 3940kc and their will be no roll call at that session. We are hoping to boost the membership of the net by inaugurating the roll call for the early session.

73 Robbie, W4YFW, FAST Net Mgr.

ORLANDO RAMBLINGS

By Hal, W4BKC

Well another iFeld Day has come and gone. This was about the most ideal that any of the gang have enjoyed. The location at Rock Lake School, thru the courtesy of Tom, W4BVG and the Board of Education, gave us a very realistic concept as far as operating emergency communication from a school building were concerned. Existing flagpoles on the school grounds were used as anchor points for antennas, the facultyp lounge made a nice cafeteria and resting place for off duty operators. The generators performed without a hitch during the entire period. Case W4NGR figures he ran at least a half mile of cables to the various positions, no line loss either, boy those were big cables.

Cliff, W4CFA did an excellent job of providing the vittles, boy was that barbeque ever tasty and tender, and it sure disappeared into hungry mouths. Could have used more operators, but it was ever thus.

Had the usual rain and thunder and lightning, but no leaky tents to worry about.

With the two towers on the County and Area Civil Defense Vans, it made the job of securing afterwards about half of what it was last year, everyone got home before dark for a change. Still is amazing how the help (?) can disappear when the time comes to pack up. Think we did as good as last year, but no score at this writing, will have the tally for next month's issue.

Wes, K4KRG is being sent to Easton, Maryland by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture until about the first of November. Sure sorry to see him and the family leave but looking forward to their return in the fall. His mailing address will be Wes Gardner, K4-KRG % Henry Schneider, P. O. Box 762, Easton, Maryland.

The Orlando Radio Club nex Xmitter, HT37 and Rec'vr SX-101 worked nicely after a few of the bugs in it were corrected.

HIALEAH ARC

Field day has come and gone again. Most of us have been off the air this past couple of weeks because of the "fed up" feeling after field day. The worst luck plagued the operation the first part of the 24 hour period and the chief op., John, K4ZSY, had a big job getting last minute antenna and equipment installed.

Our first difficulty was the generator. We had plans for getting a 3 KW rig from the phone company and also the 30 KW rig from the city of Hialeah. After getting OK from the phone company we find that the small generator is direct current so we are planning using the large generator. Friday afternoon we went to pick up generator at city hall and are told it is in garage at city park. We went to city park and find garage locked and man with key gone fishing for week-end. Club members getting worried start looking in windows and find generator at garage at city hall all ready to go with extra gas cans. Big generator does fine business job as to voltage regulation and frequency but in the 24 hours we used 50 gallons of petrol.

Starting time was 1605 EST and although there must be a dozen automatic and semi-automatic keys at our ham shacks, there was only one key for field day and that from K4ZSY. We must get out the old bug and use it from time to time so that next year we won't be standing around waiting for mike. Using two 150 watt stations 80 through 10 and the communicator on 6 and 2 we managed to make a total score with multipliers of 3523. Most contacts were 20 CW with 6 Phone, 15 Phone, 40 CW, 2 Phone, 80, and 40 Phone last. Last year score was 2776 with the most contacts on 14 CW, 21 Phone, 40 CW, 6 Phone.

Antenna furnished K4SPS Tri Ban Beam, K4DZP 6 and 2 Beams. W4AYJ 300' Coax, Club long wire antenna and Vertical 80 with balloons to pull it up, but the wind was blowing to much and the vertical antenna was more horizontal than evrtical.

73, Red, K4GPJ

TORNADO WARNINGS ALERTED AREC

The 20th of June brought our first real-emergency test of the West Florida AREC plan and we learned some things. The Tornado Warnings which covered the entire panhandle brought a Condition Two Alert. The Tornadoes themselves produced considerable damage, one minor injury and perhaps a dozen pices of traffic handled by the Western Florida AREC.

QRN was ferrocious. A few stations on the mid-afternoon had trouble keeping contact. K4OHR, manned by Gene (K4OHR) and Frank (K4IYJ) guarded 3836 in Tallahassee. K4QVL originated a number of messages to the Tallahassee weather Bureau and news services. K4GVV put the whole Panama iCty AREC on standby and kept K4CXG on guard during much of the time. K4FTJ experienced a power failure and obtained and SRD generator on radio request, trucked to him all 70 miles (more or less) from the SRD (State Road Department) depot in Panama City.

In general, the W. Fla. AREC performed well in its first real, though small, test. For a period of more than three hours the net was manned, moved traffic and was fully prepared to expand operations had it been necessary to cope with the catastrophe which could have resulted if one of those several small twisters had struck a town. They nipped at Blountstown, Chattahoochee, the Seagrove Beach area, the Ft. Walton Beach area and Pensacola.

Representation on the net was remarkably good, especially considering that this was the middle of a week-day afternoon on 75 meters with QRN at S-9 levels. In addition to those stations whose participation has already been mentioned, K4OHR's log also shows W4UEU-4, W4HXH, W4ECM and W4DSH. — 73 W4-MLE, Sec. W. Fla. ARRL.

CIVIL DEFENSE TO PENTAGON

Official sources said today (July 5th) in Washington that Pentagon has won major responsibility for the nation's civil defense over protests from the Office of Civil Defense and Mobilization

A decision is expected, after a meeting between President Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and OCDM Director Frank Ellis, at which they'll ask for an approximate tripling of the 105 million dollars previously asked in the civil defense budget.

The Sources said the Pentagon reportedly already has begun setting up its organization for CD control.

SKIP DID IT

Some time ago I asked SKIP to run an article asking for information regarding W2AOI, John Eichman, Jr. His brother in California had not heard from him in a long time and thought he was living in Florida.

Recently K4VOT in Ormond Beach saw the article and sent word that John was living in Ormond. The same day I received a card from WA6IVM giving me the same information. Like I said SKIP DID IT! Thanks. 73, Art, W4FE. (Editors note: Like I said, IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN SKIP!)

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FLORIDORA YL NEWS

by Anne Pitcher, K4RDX

To express their appreciation of the very fine work done by the Past Presidents, the Floridoras will present silver gavels to them. The gavels may be attached to the Floridora Pin with a small chain. Past Presidents of the Floridoras are: 1957, WBIL, Fran; 1958, W4BWR, Ruth; 1959, Dot; 1960, K4RNS, Marge.

Having just returned from England; Lucy, K4RED, has many interesting experiences to relate. Among them is a visit to the Science Museum in London. GB2SM, the call of the Museum, is looking for two more Floridora contacts in order to earn the Floridora Certificate. When they receive it, it will be hung in the Museum. The operator Lucy talked to, sent a card to the Floridoras signed with, "88 to all Floridoras."

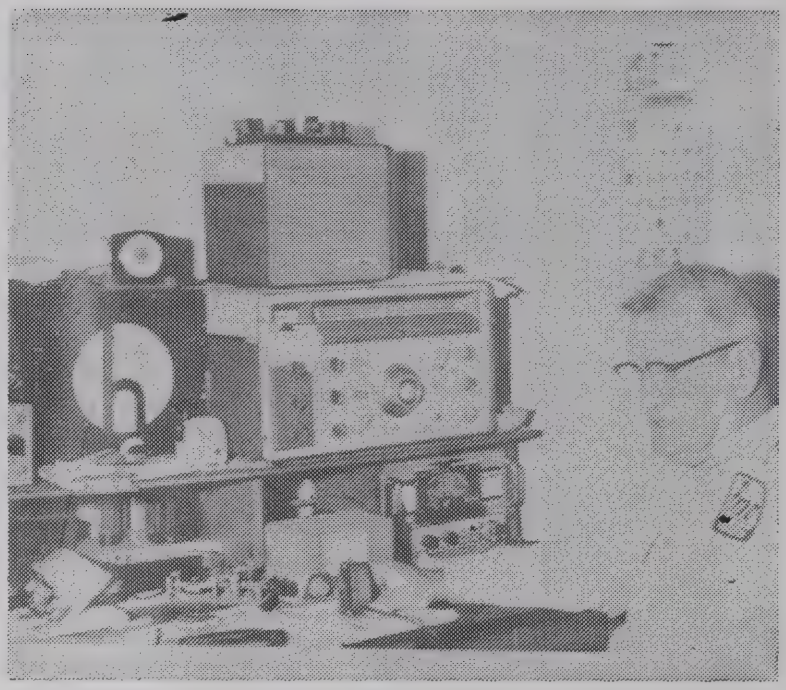
Annette, W4LKM and her OM, Tommy, W4CWV, have returned from a tour of Europe. They visited Ireland, and kissed the Blarney Stone; Scotland and the Burns; the lovely Scandinavian Countries, and saw the majestic fjords and the famous Schuman Circus; and England where Annette and Lucy got in touch with each other on the land line.

Our Net Manager Joan, K4-JZX, has done a VY FB job in keeping the Monday Net in operation during the summer months. Joan was Net Control for June and July. Net Control for August will be Annette, W4CWV-LKM.

Flori-Daddy Jim, K4RNR, OM of Marge, K4RNS, is home after having been hospitalized with a heart attack. Marge and Jim send thanks to their many ham friends for the lovely flowers and plants, and the nice cards, letters, and radiograms. Jim is recovering more rapidly than expected, but it will be some months before he will be allowed many activities. In the meantime, he is building a 2 meter rig. FB Jim, keep up the good work!

W4BWR, Ruth, now has the Certificate Hunters Certificate and over 250 confirmed YL contacts. Ruth is the third Floridora to become a CHCer. The other two CHCers are W4UF and K4-RNS.

Ev, K4UIZ, enjoyed a nice vacation at home where she caught up on some gardening and hamming. Betty, K4YDB, has returned from an enjoyable trip to Nevada; and Jodi, K4UHA, is back after two delightful weeks in Washington, D.C. Marge now has the Hunt The Hunters Certificate, and was recently informed by KH6DLD, Shelia that the Hawaiian Certificate No. 31 was on its way.



Around Leesburg, this guy is known as Herb Carlton, K4ABV of 1611 Hi St. Herb belongs to MARS/AREC and interested in VHF.

THE FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS

W4GJI-Tip, president of the Florida Sidebanders has appointed the following stations and officers as Executive Committee for the organization; W4GJI, W4JQ, W4DKJ, W4TT, W4GWF, W4OVE, W4CNZ, W4YFW. The first meeting of this committee was held on 10 July and the results of the dinner at Ocala were discussed in relation to the AREC plan for Florida.

W4DVR-Rev. Mac, has been appointed as Chaplain for the Florida Sidebanders. We consider this as an outstanding appointment and a fine idea.

New calls on 3940-W4SGY, Paul, Lakeland; W4SFY, Frank, Bartow; K4SQK, Harold, St. Pete W4HXC, Walt, Maitland; W4-PUW, Ralph, Titusville.

Newly certificated members: No. 58, W4EWB, Sam, Orlando; No. 59; W4WPD, Shirley, Tampa; No. 60, W4DVR, Mac, Ocala; No. 61, W4YFW, Robbie, Key West. Congratulations and welcome to you all.

Guess from all the reports that the 13 or so members of the Sidebanders who gathered at Ocala on 8 July had a great time. Too bad more of us couldn't have made it. However, the group which did make it, are, a real working bunch and came up with a lot of good ideas for the organization. They tell me that Room 20 never got a chance to cool off. The seating arrangement left something to be desired but at least everyone had a good "eye-ball" or was it "high-ball". The high spot of this dinner meeting was the presence of Art Melvin, W4UHY, State C.D. Communications Director. His interest in SSB is enlightening — and heartening. We have a feeling that SSB is coming into it's own. Don't missinterpret me now — AM and CW are not dead — but SSB is being recognized as a better method of handling phone traffic and heavy reliance will be placed on the FSEN for message traffic in natural disaster.

Highlights of Florida Sidebander Meetings. Voted to drop from roll call all regular members who have missed three succesive meetings and all associate members also who have missed two successive meetings.

Voted to request Net Managers of FSEN and FAST to submit monthly reports of net activities to the Florida Sidebanders.

Voted to refer the matter of incorporation to the Executive Committee.

Voted to send a letter of condolence to the widow and relatives of Dr. Lee DeForest who passed away recently. This letter is reprinted here courtesy of Art Lynch, W4DKJ.

"DeForest Pioneers, 4 Weybridge Road, Mineola, L.I., N.Y., Atten: Mr. E. N. Pickerill, Pres. Gentlemen: At the regular meeting of "The Father of Radio," was received. A motion was passed to have a letter of condolence sent to his widow, relatives and close friends. It was suggested because of your very long and close friendship with Dr. DeForest and those closely associated with him, that the letter be sent to you for proper distribution. Among our members, there are several who were well acquainted with "Doc". Of course, all of us are familiar with most of his important contributions to the radio art and one member has one of the original "Audions," received directly from him, when he had his factory up in the Bronx. Two of my own most-prized possessions are the autographed photo, showing him with an audion in his hand and the autographed copy of his book, to say nothing of the memories of many, many visits with him. All wished to applaud his remarkable work and offer this letter of condolence to his family and close friends. It was the opinion of all of us, that radio, electronics, television, as well as all forms of silent and talking motion pictures have lost a mostbrilliant guiding light. Very sincerely yours, for the Florida Sidebanders, Arthur H. Lynch, Past Pres."

FAST Net INFO:

Commencing on 1 August, the 1930 call for the FAST Net will be moved to 1900 hours Monday through Friday and will include a roll call. The 2030 call wil remain the same and no roll call will be used.

FAST Net traffic has taken a decided rise with the assignment of K4DBT as Assistant Net Manager. Lets all get with it now and get the FAST Net up on a level with the other Florida Section Nets.

Florida Sidebanders Emergency Net: FSEN now covers over 40 cities in Florida with over a 100 stations. This is as broad a coverage as many of the other Florida Emergency Nets and it means the FSEN has come of age and is a group to be recognized.

W4OVE, Net Manager reports that a new FSEN map is being printed showing the location of all net members. He will distribute this map to all members when it is ready.

That's the output of my balanced modulators for this month. See you all on 3940 KCS and READ FLORIDA SKIP.

Burt, W4CNZ

FROM THE SEC's QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Many hams all over Florida have asked many questions and made many comments about your AREC Plan, most of them favorable. The thing which causes most questions in the Priority List. o we will try here to clarify some of the most frequent questions about it.

(1) Why so many different Priority categories?

If you have fewer classifications than this, you have to lump all sorts of odd and unrelated subject matter together. We need seven classifications for clarity. Besides, we never have had trouble with a O-point signal strength scale have we?

(2) Who decides what priority to give a message ?

The **originating station.** He puts the priority number in the message preamble right before the check. Use the priority definition list to decide which priority number to use.

(The person who signs the message may suggest a priority for it, but the operator at the originating station must assign the number which fits the message.) All service message should be the same priority as the original.

Messages originating outside the state won't have any priority number in the preamble. In such cases, the first Florida station to handle the message assigns a priority to it before the QSPs it

(3) What good is a priority number anyway? Why put it in the preamble?

When you list traffic with an NCS you list: "TWO for Pensacola, PRIORITY THREE, "SEVEN PRIORITY FOR MIAMI," or, on cw nets, "2 Pcola P3, 7 Mia P7."

The NCS will clear this traffic ahead of all lower classifications which may be listed. If you just list "TWO PRIORITY MESSAGES FOR PENSACOLA how does the NCS know whether to move yours first or after the other PRIORITY MESSAGES he has listed? They all have some priority classification or they wouldnt be listed on an emergency net

Another point: You get a phone call from the local Mayor asking you to send a message over his signature asking for a shipment of folding cots from Orlando. This is not Priority 1, 2 or 3 traffic, so you won't file it on Net "A" (The Primary Phone Net). Where to file?

This is probably Priority 6 traffic. You could file it on Net "B", Net "C' (SSB) or Net D (QFN). You know Net B is probably clobbered with out-of-state welfare traffic. You know Net C (SSB) has been very busy with weather traffic. So you arrange to file it on QFN since your CW station Operator tells you he has K4RAD on frequency and he can deliver it direct.

Simple, isn't it?

Another reminder, if you don't have a copy of the State AREC Plan and Procedures, drop SKIP a line at BOX 501, Miami Springs 66, Florida for a copy or a 100 copies. Free of charge, postpaid.

NOVICE FORUM

By Roy Scott, W4UHF

In St. Petersburg, a club-within-a-club has been organized recently. Due to the code given by S.P.A.R.C. and K4USK there are many new novice operators in the club. A novice club has been organized, apart from the regular club meetings, to meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The main objective of this new Novice club is to answer all questions that members of the group might have and to increase their knowledge of amateur radio with selected topics — sort of "tech" sessions. There are several advisors with "Novice Jim" K4USK sparking the activities. At their first meeting, Al Friend WN4BGW was elected president with the job of secretary thrown in and John O'Neil (waiting for ticket) as vice-president. Ken Goodwin, Jr., K4VLH, is active in the group.

There is a lot more traffic activity on Novice Hurricane Net (NHN) Sundays 3725 kc. 0700 EST. Messages handled on NHN are on their way to destination within a short time after the net is secured. Net Control Stations are being appointed as alternates each week to give each net member experience in handling a net.

Send any news about your station or novice activities, as well as pictures, to this column for publication in future issues. 73.

DX PEDITION — AGAIN

The latest from Gus Brown, W4BPD, reports another big DX-pedition is in the mill. Gus plans to hit spots like Aldabra, Tromilen, Agalega, Kamaran Islands, Mt. Althos, Diu Colony, Damon, Timor, etc. He plans on using 80 thru 10 meters. His back up man on QSL handling will be W4-ECI. For more details drop Gus or W4ECI a card. They plan to start about January or February, 1962.

Here is Art Melvin, W4UHY, State C.D. Comm. Officer in Jax practicing his RTTY-ing at the CD Control Center. Art plans on SSB. He is our RACES Correspondent. Is your RACES plan approved? ? (SKIP Photo.)

TRAFFIC HOUNDS

(June East Florida)

K4SJH	603
K4LCF	266
K4COO	197
K4KDN	179
K4DBT	160
K4BY	147
W4AKB	138
K4EHY	136
K4YLX	131
K4VSA	100
W4ARV	99
W4FE	85
K4ENW	85
W4EAT	83
K4RNS	82
K4OZS	80
K4FQS	76
K4AKQ	72
W4TRS	72
W4IYT	71
K4BHL	70
K4FMA	62
W4DVR	60
K4ILB	54
W4AZJ	52
W4CNZ	51
W4ESB-4	47
K4ANR	44
W4NGR	43
K4BZ	42
W4QVJ	39
W4LMT	38
WN4BMC	34
K4BSS-4	34
W4TUB	32
K4AX	31
W4LSA	29
K4MTP	27
W4EHW	27
K4RDX	27
KN4YSN	27
K4WIP	25
K4DAX	23
W4BKC	23
K4ENW	21
K4YPN	17
K4ZIF	17
W4VCX	16
K4VNA	16
K4RBR	15
K4YBF	15
K4OSQ	13
W4DDW	13
K4JZX	12
K4DAD-4	12
W4AYD	11
K4JZU	10
W4BBZ	10
K4JJZ	9
W4SMK	8
K4BKZ	8
K4PXY	4
W4BP	1
W4GOG	0
TOTAL	4031

63 stations reporting. 1 BPL.

Late reports for May, 1961

WA6FCO-4	3285
W4WHK	175
K4ILB	70
K4YLX	61
K4BZ	59
W4SGY	22
W4DQS	7
TOTAL	3679

7 stations reporting. 1 BPL.

Net Reports:

FMTN	509	Av. 20.34
FPTN	266	Av. 9.85
TPTN	196	Av. 7.3
GN	172	Av. 5.9
Fast Net	15	Av. .68

Albert L. Hamel, K4SJH

CHARACTERS I HAVE KNOWN

Say, do any of you fellas know where Midnight Pass is? In all my world travels, this general area of Florida, "The Suncoast" is the most legendary, probably has attracted (and held) fore famous people, yes, and little has been written for our gentle ears. Going back to 1500 AD the pirates roamed this sun bleached coast, little knowing this would be the later stomping ground of many a famous ham who we hope to write about before our days of kingdom-come.

My story this month starts at Midnight Pass on the Bay of Sarasota, Florida. A most remarkable story this is, for it goes back 50 years when Charlie first got the bug. Wireless bug, that is. When Charlie lived up in Pennsylvania.

Coherers, tickers, catwhiskers and such stuff couldn't hold all his interest, he had to investigate how much corona a spark helix could hold with out spilling over. Soon 3QZ was born, a righteous man and not wanting to get caught bootlegging. Those were the days when hams were few and far between, for like as not, he was the only ham in town. Living in Bala-Cynwyd, in the outskirts of Philadelphia, Charlie will probably remember the old Philadelphia School of Wireless Telegraphy with it's 2 KW Federal Arc Transmitter, the Grebe and Deforest receivers. This was the very first Wireless School in America (3YG) and was so registered with the U.S. Patent Office. Charlie will also probably remember the old Pennsylvania Marconi Wireless School on North Carlisle Street. But the school I know Charlie will remember is the University of Pennsylvania where he spent most of his time, learning to lift ones self by one's boots-straps.

For this he did. It was troubled times. War with Germany was eminent. He joined the Naval Reserve Force and they made him a Lieutenant (j.g.). Fire and brimstone couldn't stop him now. You may have read somewhere, where we won the war — well don't you forget it, Charlie helped!

When the first "Z" licenses were issued, Charlie must have been standing in line, for he cops off "3ZA" which is famed in legend and song. With this call, Charlie had authorization to operate on 325 meters (this would be about 920 KC today — in our present broadcast band! Hi! A look through any "calls heard" list of this day would find 3ZA sprinkled everywhere — he put Bala on the map. Funny thing though, Charlie is not one to dwell on his accomplishments, and the last time I talked with him would mention none of the foregoing.

Well, I can tell you this, though Charlie will not agree, he was the major king-pin in the United States Naval Reserve Communications in these parts. Under Commander Lee, 4XE of Winter Park, Charles A. Service, Lt. (j.g.) USNR, Amateur 41E, pioneered the organization of the very first Communications Naval Reserve, right here in Florida to eb copied later all over the United States.

To know Charlie, is to know your neighbor. He delights in showing you his wood handiwork, but most of all his rare cut stones. You see, his main "spare" hobby now days is his Lapidary. Many of the stones in his collection are the gifts of his many friends in every part of the world. His lodge type home, in a humble setting, on beautiful Sarasota Bay is a sight to behold, along Midnight Pass. Don't get the idea though that Charlie lets the old receiver filaments cool off, for he is right there on schedule. He still comes through like "a ton-of-bricks" and pushes a wicked brass key.

They tell me, Charlie is a regular club member over in Sarasota, a most progressive bunch. Wouldn't be surprised if they took the Skip Trophy this year. They could do it with a little help from Charlie, W4IE. And don't forget for a moment Charlie could do it by himself with one hand tied behind his back.

Now this, the best part, I have saved for the last. If you will open your QST for August, 1920 (you do have a Vol. 4, No. 1 issue, don't you,), you will find our esteemed friend and good neighbor is none other than the right-hand man of our beloved Hiram Perey Maxim, the "Old Man" and daddy of ARRL and QST, known many years ago in this area as the "Key West Tea."

Yes Sir! Charles A. Service, Jr., then 3ZA, was the Vice President of the ARRL, along with A. A. Hebert, Treasurer, and K. B. Warner, Secretary and controversial Editor of many though provoking editorials, most of which at times sounded like the proddings of Charlie Service. On the Board of Directors we see Charlie as the Director from the Atlantic Division. In the Operating Department, we see Charlie as Manager of the Atlantic Division. I could go on and on, but space is running out. Charlie was called back to the League during World War II, and in closing can say this, "No humble man as he, has done so much for thee". We have a League today, Charlie, because of men like you. And say, Charlie, when you gonna fire up ole W1II again,

The Old Timer

EAST meets West. SCM's that is: Ham, K4SJH and Frank, W4RKH met in Jacksonville at a C.D. meeting. See their columns elsewhere in SKIP. (SKIP Photo.)

MARS TRAFFIC NUMBERS

Third party personal messages handled via MARS circuits will normally be restricted to those from or to U.S. military personnel. Civilian MARS members are extended the privilege of originating and transmitting their own personal messages via MARS. Under emergency or other extraordinary circumstances, third party personal messages may be handled without regard to the status of either the originator or addressee. Under no circumstances will personal third party messages be solicited for transmission via MARS.

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WATCHWORD- W4IA EDITOR

MARTIN COUNTY

AREC NEWS

In the Fall of 1959 George Bozone, "Bo", K4KGB, inquired of W4IYT, Andy, SEC, how to get in touch with the Emergency Coordinator of Martin County. Bo was very surprised to find that K4KGB had "just been appointed!"

Bo contacted all licensed operators and prospective Hams in Martin County and announced an AREC organizational meeting would be held immediately. Seven Hams and one prospective Ham showed up for the first meeting, and four hams and one prospect showed up for the second meeting. The five who returned for the second meeting were: K4KGB, Bo; W4VWL, Ray and his XYL W4NGE, RE; KN4DBT, George, now K4DBT and the prospective was your reporter. Realizing that if Martin County was to have a reliable emergency communication system, a corps of dedicated operators would have to be created, K4KGB set to work.

The first job he tackled was public relations, in order to find more prospective Hams; and, the second was conducting code and theory classes for the prospects. Newly licensed graduates of these classes are: WN4AKU, Bob; KN4NTA, Ted; and WN4BOK, Mary. WN4BYX, Doc is the newest member of the group and a very welcome addition. Doc learned the code on his own and has home-brewed his own rig.

From these humble beginnings the Martin County AREC has grown to a total of twelve full members, three supporting members and five prospective members. K4DBT and K4RDX began the second code and theory class on July thirteenth and five good prospects turned out.

As a group, our first job was to cover a County large in area and small in population. This has been accomplished and each operator knows his duty station and the job he has to do. The AREC Communication Plan as published in Florida Skip is followed and all State Emergency Nets, with the exception of RTTY, will be met.

The second job was to help our Novice operators earn full operating privileges. This is being accomplished through regular drills during the Martin County Emergency Net which meets Thursdays on 146.16 Mc.; and through planning our public services in such a manner that Novices can take an active part.

Latest public service was the message service offered during the Independence Day Celebration in Stuart. WN4AKU, Bob, picked up the messages, relayed to KN4NTA, Ted, in Communications Headquarters and Ted relayed to K4DBT, George and K4RDX, Anne, stationed in their home and who are members of traffic Nets, Emergency Coordinator, Bo, feels the operation was a success and those who participated had a fine time watching the Novices take hold and learn traffic handling "a la" ARRL procedure.

Experiments are being conducted on two meters by all members and much knowledge is being acquired. Plans are underway for the group to participate in Project OSCAR; however, more of this later . . . there went my 10 minute timer.

Anne, K4RDX

MARS BC 19

The use of radioteletypewriter is increasing rapidly in MARS. Reports of more stations and more nets are received monthly. Duringf the past year several hundred teletype units were issued to MARS members, there are more to come.

If you receive such a unit do not sit and admire it, get it on the air. Much information on teletype is available. Diagrams of converters, keyers and associated circuitry have appeared in many publications. Your fellow MARS members will be glad to help you get started.

CW remains the basic method of communication but when signals are good nothing exceeds RATT at message handling.

Ed Klar of Tampa uses his Viking I and Hq-129X to work the rare ones. Ed was first licensed in 1931 as W8FVT.

AMATEUR WEEK

PROCLAMATION

(The following was sent to SKIP too late for the June and July issue. Jesse Kimmons, W4OVO of Lady Lake was responsible for getting it through. Maybe next year we can get some statewide advanced publicity on the Proclamation. Ed.)

PROCLAMATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TALLAHASSEE

WHEREAS, the unselfish service in communications carried on by amateur radio operators during periods of emergency, and

WHEREAS, their efforts are expended not only locally but throughout the entire world, and

WHEREAS, these operators and deisgnated as official weather observer stations by the Miami Weather Bureau and give invaluable reports during hurricane and tornado seasons, and

WHEREAS, as members of the Military Affiliate Radio System they train themselves voluntarily to become proficient operators to provide an additional source of trained radio communication personnel in the event of a local or national emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Farris Bryant, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim June 24 - 30, 1961, as

FLORIDA AMATEUR RADIO

OPERATORS WEEK

in Florida, and call upon the citizens of this State to join with the amateur radio operators in observance of this week with appropriate exercises to further and stimulate interest in amateur radio.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 17th day of June, A.D. 1961.

(s) Farris Bryant

PENSACOLA NEWS

By J. B. Hillard, K4SWQ

Many of you may have noticed there was not an article from Pensacola in the July issue of Skip. I made the mistake of sending the article to Miami Beach instead of Miami Springs. The PO did not return it until it was too late to send it back south. I hope this article will surfice for the two.

The PARC operated Field Day from the Old Pensacola Bay Bridge instead of the grounds of the new club house. We were located about a mile and a half from shore in the middle of Pensacola Bay. A better than usual turn out of the fellows helped make this outing a success. K4HYL did an excellent job of supervising the operation. Participants are too numerous to list but those who seemed to keep the ball rolling were W4SRK, OOW, HIZ, K4HYL, ZMV, JDW, DDD, EWG, etc. These alone did not make FD a success, but the combined efforts of all of those who came out did. A few of the NAS Club boys came by for a look see and a little operating. While our score was not as much as we expected, it was a good deal higher than last year.

Installation of the new PARC officers was held at the Holiday Inn on June 30. The new PARC staff is W4SRK-Pres., K4DDD-Vice-Pres., K4FOG-Sec. and K4ZMV-Treas. West Fla. SCM W4RKH and XYL attended along with other guest. Frank installed the officers and spoke on various activities in this section. He urged us to check into the W Fla Phone net and QFN. He also spoke on various section appointments.

During the first meeting of the PARC conducted by our new president, (July 7), K4HYL presented a short talk on incorporating the club. After considerable discussion it was decided to have this done. This was the first meeting to be held in our new quarters. It was very nice to see such a large crowd at this particular meeting. Wasn't enough chairs to go around. Arrangements are being made with the Ladies Auxiliary for additional furnishings.

That's about it this month from the western gate to the Sunshine State, where beautiful girls congregate. Ya'll come.

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FLAMINGO NET NEWS

Walt Dixon, W4DWN

On July 15th and 16th, for the 9th consecutive year, the Flamingo Net ran the communications for the Gold Coast Marathon boat races ably assisted by the Broward Radio Club boys. Flamingo Netters manned the bridges to Dade-Broward county line and NCS at Pelican Yacht Club Headquarters at Pelican Harbor. The main purpose of setting up this communication system was to check on all boats racing in the Marathon as they passed the various bridges on their way up to West Palm Beach and back making sure each and everyone got through safely.

Each year the Flamingo Net is requested to handle communications for this race by the Race Committee of the Pelican Harbor Yacht Club, and each year we have gladly complied. Success of this venture is directly attributed to the fine business handling by the Gold Coast Marathon Committee headed by W4-WYR, Evelyn and consisting of W4NJM, Jim, K4YSS, Paul, W4-DTJ, Carl and W4DWN, Walt. Of course, if it were not for the many Ham operators who contributed both their time and equipment to this event the Net could never be able to handle an event such as this. So congratulations to you all for a job well done.

With warmer weather upon us activity on 10 meters has noticeably slowed up. The Flamingos are still contacting quite a bit of short skip stations and giving out contacts for our Flamingo Net Certificate. You will find K4-DJW, W4MNN, K4JJU, W4GJ, and K4KHS on about every evening handing out contacts and yaking it up generally. As you all probably know it takes only 10 contacts on 10 meters to get our Certificate and quite a few boys are taking advantage of these late evening band openings to get one.

If anyone is interested in obtaining a list of members of the Net for Certificate purposes drop K4DJW-Moe a letter including 10 cents in stamps to cover handling and he will send you all one.

The Net wants to welcome W4-KK-John, K4DW-Henry, K4DHD-Sandy, SWL's Mary and George, W4GNL-Jim and K4CAK-Al into the Flamingo Net. We hope you all have a fine time with us and take part in our activities.

W4WSJ-Wiley almost has two feet back on the ground after his accident. He says that he is coming along fine and that in another month or so he will be as good as new. Breaking one's leg is no laughing matter these days as it sure takes a long time for it to heal. Good Luck Wiley!

K4DJW-Moe got his tower mated to a ground post the other day with a little help from some of the boys. He says that now his worries are over as he can repair the beam without climbing.

W4WYR-Evelyn reports that she won 1st place in the 4th call area and was 6th nationally in the recent YL-OM contest. Says she could have done better if she had used SSB. Congrats Evelyn!

Well, that is all for now folks see you same place next month.

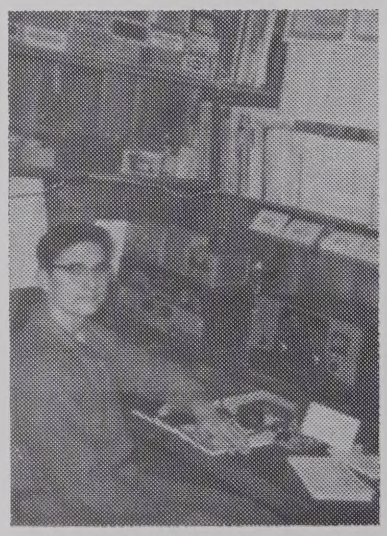
The Gold Coast Marathon

The Gold Coast Marathon was born in 1949 from an idea of Sam Griffith, well-known racing and founder of the Pelican Har bor Yacht Club. It was then, and is now basically a race designed for the enjoyment of the family boater. In 1952 Amateur Radio came into the picture in the form of the Flamingo Net of Miami. The Net was asked to handle communications along the complete waterway from Miami to West Palm Beach. The Net jumped at the chance to participate in a public service venture. The object of setting up communications was so that a constant check of boats could be made along the race route and in the event of an emergency help could be summoned quickly. For the past nine years the Flamingo Net with help from the Broward Radio Club and some help from the AREC of Palm Beach County have handled the problems of communication for the Marathon very successfully.

This year on July 15th and 16th the Gold Coast Marathon was again held and as usual the Flamingo Net of Miami and the Broward Radio Club of Ft. Lauderdale supplied operators and gear for the Net Control Stations and bridge check points to provide communications for the entire 65 mile route of the Marathon. The bridges that cross the inland waterway are natural locations for check points as they afford easy access to the waterway. The Amateur stations assigned to these bridges are required to record the number of every boat in the race that passes his check point. The NCS for the Miami end of the race was at Pelican Harbor. All bridge check points in Dade County were manned by 10 meter mobile stations. The bridge check points in Broward County and Palm Beach County were manned by stations operating 2 meters or 6 meters. There was a NCS for Broward County located in Ft. Lauderdale and a NCS at the finish line in West Palm Beach. The NCS stations were connected by a 40 meter link with a 2 meter standby station. A portable station was also installed in the sweep boat operating on 2 meters. This sweep boat follows the racers giving assistance when needed.

Full credit for the successful operation of this communication net work must go to the many hams who volunteered their time and valuable equipment. The Chairmans responsible for rounding up the operators and equipment besides bringing the event to a successful conclusion were W4WYR-Evelyn Gauzens for the Flamingo Net and K4SJP-Doc Harper for the Broward Radio Club.

Walt Dixon. W4DWN



Young Dan Franklin, K4-EHY of St. Pete. Winner of the SKIP Worked All Florida Counties Contest and hold of many BPL's. While not in high school, that Ranger stays red hot.

WALT TO THE RESCUE

The main Post Ofice in Daytona Beach was notified by the power company that the old underground cable and conduit would be replaced. This put the postmaster in a dither while tons of mailed stacked up.

Walt Cook, K4VNA, Superintending Eng., for the Post Office Department came to the rescue with his emergency generator to the section of the office needed to keep up schedule of work. Everything went on as per schedule except the air conditioners and fans. Walt received a big thanks from his boss C. W. Curtis.

APRIL C.D. RESULTS

Here are the totals of East and West Florida Communication Department (ARRL) for April: E. Fla., K4RAD, 120,950; K4-JLD, 84,425; W4UHC, 10,710; K4KDN, 4,830; W4EHW, 2,640; W4WPF, 180. W. Fla., W4HQN, 150,080; K4UBR, 123,380; W4-WKQ, 38,025; Phone, K4UBR, 17,490.

High man in Florida in this Party was West Florida's W4-HQN.

If you are interested in C.D. Parties (contests) and ARRL appointment drop a card or radiogram to your SCM. See page 2 for QTH's.

VHF IN FLORIDA

Allen A. Engleman, W4RMU

iWthout question the months of May and June were the greatest six meter months for years. Short skip (sporadic E) was evident practically every day and still is continuing into the month of July. Many openings lasted for several days with double hop to the west coast of the U.S.A. appearing many times. Many new countries in Central America and the Caribbean made their first appearance. This increased activity in these regions may prove that Sporadic E openings to the south are more prevalent than in any other direction from Florida. This has long been suspected.

Some evidence of F' openings to the West have been noticed with KH6s being worked from southern Florida. Several instances of W6 and W7 coming through with good strength when no stations in between were heard is another indication that F2 is present. These F2 openings which is long single hop from the highest layer (F2), are unusual this time of year and sun spot cycle. Several reports of spot cycle. Several reports of KL7s being worked from Florida might well be F2.

W4CIL, Eleanor, West Palm Beach says very appropriately this is a crazy year for Six. She added Arizona, Mexico, and Costa Rico, to her list making her 39-7. K4PPX, Fran, Ft. Lauderdale, has been hard at it picking up Arizona making her total 43 states. K4QQE, Archie, Ft. Lauderdale worked Maine and Arizona putting him up to 40 states. K4PZW, Jacksonville picked up several states to make his total 36-4. K4JMO, Jacksonville, found one of those hard to get ones and put his score to 40-3. K4KJL and W4MBJ, both Jacksonville have run their states worked score up to 41 and 40 respectively.

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Bendix 226 MC amplifier with 4 x250 m tube (about 4" by 3" by 6in.) $10. Spare 4 x 250M with socket $5.00.
Two matched plate transformers 1500 v at 500ma (not center tapped) $15. for pair.
Doug Gaines, W4AXE, 2323 N.E. 11th St., Gainesville, Fla. (FR 6-4436).

FOR SALE: Sencea Heath xmtr $150 Used approximately 60 days. Tip-top condx. Fred Hoehn W4NUR, 12735 Ixora Road, Keystone Point, North Miami PL 8-3488.

WANTED: Good general coverage receiver. Send model, price and if possible serial number J. Attaway, K4IIF, Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, Fla.

WANTED: Four hearing aids. To be given to youngsters, ages nine to seventeen. Hearing aids need not be operative, but in a repairable condition. If some of you Old Timers who have gone to RTTY because your hearing is defunct send hearing aid to: Dave Goodman K4ELT, R3 Box 395, Lakeland, Fla.

WIDOW of W4RGF selling: DX-100, SX-98, Niagara low pass filter, mike, all for $250. Double pedestal oak desk and swivel chair $60. Home brew 2 meter rig with separate power supply, used in antenna demonstrations, make offer. Homebrew power supply equipped with Thordarson 745 va xfmr $35. Speech amplifier $25. Crank up tower $50. Rotor used with tribander with control unit and cable $20. BC696A converted for 110 vac $10. Thordarson 610 VA transformer 3150 V. Ct. $15. New Knight Z match $3.00. Miscl small parts. 0-600 vdc meter $3. Weston Thermogralvanometer $3. What do you need? Sale being handled by Hedb Hamilton, K4KDN. 1524 S. Lake Howard Dr., Winter Haven Ph. C Y3-7076 or contact on QFN or GN nets.

FOR SALE: Cash, will not split up. Hallicrafters S-85 with 100kc standard. Homebrew, self contained, power supplies in 36 inch rack. Push to talk, VFO, spare 4-250A, Low Pass filter. On the air working excellent. Moving to new QTH need space. All for only $130.00. 5-250A in final with 811's as modulators. 300 watts on phone. First check takes it. K. Cannon K4RNF, 526-38 St. West Palm Beach Fla. Phone 848-1562 after 5 p.m.

SWAP OR SELL: New Converted PE-101C dual range dynomotor 6 or 12 vdc input 650 v at 200 ma out, chassis mounted with filters, relays and heavy duty battery cable. Used about 50 hours for maritime mobile. New RCA813's (not surplus), 832A, 829B, RCA 204A, We 242B, 14CP4TV tube like new in carton. HK-24G. Lots of metal, glass tubes, rectifiers and 1.2 v. battery set tubes. Oil filled filters 8MFD at 600v. 4MFD at 1 KW, 2 KV and 3 KV multi-section electroytic 450 v. working. 3 inch round meters, 2new power transformers. 1200 vct at 200 ma with 3 filament windings. Heavy duty filament xfmr 6.3 v. at 10 v. and 2.5 v. Have FT-242 and 241 xtals for 3.5 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14mc. New Bliley single sig. filter and xtal. Have scope, cardwell condensers. What do you need? Horris Levy K4MWI, 835 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Fla. Phone JE 1-6134.

TRAFFIC MEN: Get your message blanks FAST. 200 message blanks, padded in 50's one day service. $1 postpaid anyplace in USA. FLORIDA SKIP Inc., Box 501 Miami Springs 66, Fla.

WANTED: Every Florida amateur to obtain a free copy of your FLORIDA AREC COMMUNICATION PLAN. Post it in the shack. Let's not forget what happened last September 9th through the 13th. Write for a copy today — Free. Florida Skip, Box 501, Miami Springs 66, Fla.

FOR SALE: Johnson Viking with PTT and DN-HZ mike. $160. Johnson VFO $30.00. RME-4350-A $160. Hi gain tri-bander $50. Bud Albury W4-SJZ. 7713 SW 34th Terr., Miami. CA 6 0369 or HI 6-1621.

FOR SALE: Telrex, 11 element 6 meter beam, DX antenna used only two weeks. $31. Drake Q multiplier $12 Elenco Compression amplifier $20. Six (6) meter Heli-whip antenna and mount for car, new condition $9. Johnson 6 and 2 meter kilowatt. factory wired, factory ne wcondition $415. Collins 75S1 No. 9917, new condition $350. Central Electronics 20A, QT-1. BC458 VFO, factory wired, in carton $150. J. W. Gregory K4OCK, 3000 SW 103rd Court, Miami CA 6-3434.

FOR SALE: Westinghouse 3" meters: 0-300 ma d.c., 0-150 v.a.c. $2 each. 0-300 vdc $4. Thordarson 600 ma. smooth choke type 6410. $5. 2 MFD at 3000 VDC $4 each. 2 pole 110-220 vac circuit breaker, heavy duty $9. ARC-4, 100 to 150 MC, like new with all tubes $15. Have other chokes and transformers must go to make room for new baby (s). Commercial cabinet, grey, with rounded corners: 40 inches high, 19 inches deep and 16½ inches wide. Sides back and top removable. $5. Andy Clark W4IYT. 41 Lenape Dr. Miami Springs TU 8-3874.

FOR SALE: DX-100 $140. Hammarlund HQ-129X with speaker, $110. Heath SWR bridge $10. 40 foot crank down tower $70. AR-22 rotator $15. Hy-gain minitribander with coax $40. Phone patch $5. D-104 crystal mike $12. All in good operating condition. H.W. (Rip) Collins K4UZA, 9011 SW 52nd St, Miami 55, Fla. MO 7-6198.

WANTED: Communications typewriter, all capitals. Will trade or buy. ARRL SEVEN or write Dan Franklin K4EHY, 7710 - 52nd St. North, Pinellas Park, Fla.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

The simulated Emergency Test (SET) is scheduled for the first week of October. But don't let the time fool you. Remember, the SET came after Hurricanes Donna and Ethel last year — just when we really needed a drill!

This year, if we don't have the real thing first, we want to put the new AREC plan through its paces from Condition 1 through Condition 5, with a full 24-hours of Condition 4. It will be like Field Day, the Sweepstakes, the ARRL DX Contest and making BPL, all rolled up in one weekend.

(1) Plan to use emergency power — the same kind of emergency power you'll use if the lights go out.

(2) Plan to operate stations from the locations where they'll be set up in a hurricane emergency. This means setting up at police stations, City halls, weather bureaus, or whatever locations your local plan calls for. (You do have a local plan, of course.)

(3) Key Cities set up to guard all Emergency Nets on emergency power for at least the 24-hour Condition 4 alert, plus the length of the Condition 3 Alert This means plenty of spare operators. Plenty of planning. Lots of black coffee and plenty of fuel stored in cans. (No fair going to the gas station for more when the tins run dry. Gas stations pumps run on electricity, too, you know).

(4) Contact everybody in your county who could possibly be expected to have any emergency traffic to originate. Get him to originate at least one message for you — preferably several — which require replies from their addressees. Don't overlook your local weather bureau cooperative hurricane report stations. Get them to send weather obs to a Weather Bureau.

(5) We're asking QST to ask hams all over the U.S. and Canada to originate "greetings" traffic to everybody they know in Florida on the date of the SET and try to move it on Florida AREC frequencies.

(6) Get a local tourist court (or several of them) to invite their guests to originate "greetings" messages (or several of them) to their folks back home on the date of the SET. You can leave ARRL or SKIP message blanks with the motel manager to hand to the guests when they register. Originate these messages through AREC nets.

(7) Originate your regular Red Cross SET messages, but put them into the AREC nets to be relayed through channels to RC collecting stations.

(8) Other ideas for compounding the confusion will suggest themselves as we go along.

All of this traffic is giving SET priority datings according to the AREC Plan. (The greetings messages go as SET Priority 7, of course, since these simulate our flood of welfare stuff.)

And don't forget that, while we've been talking mainly about long-haul traffic you want to give your local organization a good try-out, too.

All EC's are strongly urged to make your plans now. W1NJM will have his SET bulletin to you shortly. Read it carefully. Watch this column next month for more details. 73, W4MLE-W4IYT.

WANTED: What this country needs is fast, fast, FAST relief from the big, big BIG GALLON! If these would fade, fade, FADE away, it would be good, good, good, GOOD! Sandy K4DHD.

WANTED: QSO with Cocoa-Rockledge amateur on 75 phone on 3995 kc from 5 to 7 a.m. PLEASE. James P. Dever, W8UON, 349 Kenilworth Ave., Dayton 5, Ohio.

Just received a Hallicrafter S-40-A in trade. It is hot as a firecracker. First $30 gets it. Will deliver 100 miles. Will not ship. Joe Routh W4-GPE, P.O. Box 574, Chescent City, Fla.

AMATEUR EQUIPMENT SERVICING: Receiver alignment, transmitter repairs, frequency calibration, etc. Any make or model, or homebrew! Reasonable rates. J. H. Wainwright W4IEH, 941 Country Club Circle, Ft. Lauderdale. Phone LU3-0631.

WANTED: Hi-power linear, (home brew), rotator, tower, tribander. State price and condition. Mike Raskin K4KUX, 4523 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach Phone JE 8-1037.

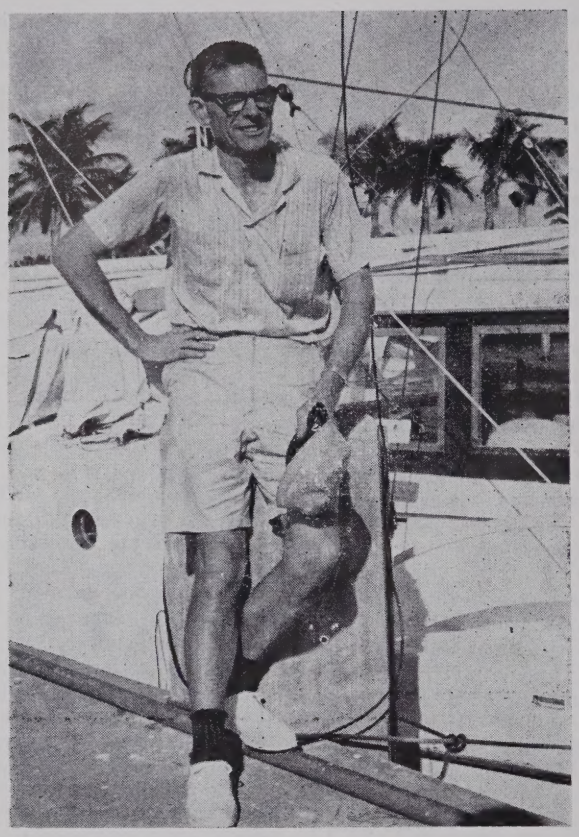
FOR SALE: New condition, command receivers BC-45e, .52 to 1.5 mc model 1.5 to 3 mc. model BC-454 and BC455 $8.00 each. Collins TCS transmitters and receiver 12 volt power pack letter item prefer caller collect $50. 100kc crystals $1 each. Checks or cash. No money orders! Thomas H. Wright VP7CO, Mangrove Cay. Andros, Bahamas.

FOR SALE: Viking Ranger transmitter, factory wired, excellent condition $175. Ray Rockefeller W4EQY, 711 NE 47th St., Ft. Lauderdale, LO 4-5985.

FOR SALE: NC-109 $100. E. L. Gerson W4OEG, P.O. Box 883, Punta Gorda.

VE'S GO CB

Effective April 1, 1962, the 27.00-27.23 Mc. portion of the 11-meter band was withdrawn from Canadian amateur use; the portion 26.96-27.00 Mc. was retained, largely because of representations made to the Department of Transport by Director Eaton. The section withdrawn will be used for a low-power "General Radio Service," broadly similar to the citizen's band in the U.S.



Dr. John T. Conover, W1QLT/MM, in Fort Myers getting ready for his Yucatan expedition. The research expedition to Alacran Reef took about a month. See Expedition Story elsewhere in this issue. (Photo by K4ZIF)

W4HZ

The Veteran Wireless Operators Association advises through WIRE and RADIO COMMUNICATIONS that Captain Gifford Grange, USN, is now commanding officer of the Naval Communications Station in Washington, D.C.

"Giff" has been known as W4-HZ in the Jacksonville area since 1921. Many old timers will remember his "wicked" spark back in the old days. We remember when "Giff" was going to open his own "Commercial Wireless Station" for ship and land traffic but we heard a rumor that RCA didn't like the idea.

"Giff" was active in Naval Reserve affairs from the start and for many years in the Jacksonville are. As Chief Radioman, he helped organize the first USNR Net, Section 2, Jacksonville, Master Control Station NDU in 1926.

Two years later, the writer had the privilege of getting to know "Giff" quite well on the U.S.S. Dallas, (four-piper, Fletcher Class), Destroyer, Flage Ship of the Atlantic Scouting Fleet, signing NENM. Yep, Do-dit, dit, da-dit, da-da! Remember the trial speed run, Giff? Remember our rendezvous with the fleet at Martha's Vineyard? The row, after row of "tin-cans", as far as you could see? The battle wagon Wyoming, signing M 90- and the thrill we got of taking over flag communications, signing "em-nine-oh". And say Giff, bet you didn't know I bootlegged my ham call (dog-watch) on that trip on the HF set, no not the 2KW "TD"!

We understand that W4HZ is on the air in the Washington area signing slant three, so fellows be on the lookout for him. He is an old Florida Boy and will be glad to hear from you.

(Author unknown)
The Oll Timer

FIELD DAY RESULTS

(QSY'd From Front Page)

Broward	280
Ancient City (St. Aug.)	249
Noname FD Assn.	234

All others failed to submit total number of contacts. Due to shortage of space and time we'll list equipment and locations of FD sites next month.

Once again, congratulations to all on an excellent field day in Florida.

Dear Gladys,

(QSY'd From Front Page)

lined against the sun, was a fire-watcher's tower. The view from up there must have been breath-taking. "Man, how'd you like to have an antenna on top of that thing?" Clyde asked.

We took a back road in Virginia. It wound through timberland. The trees were straight and thick with not one old familiar palm in the whole bunch. Miles and miles of woods crowded down to the road. It was about as close to an impenetrable jungle as the temperate zone can manage. But it had natives.

We came upon them at two o'clock in the afternoon. We found them beside a lake tapping keys, testing rigs and shaking their heads over generators. Underneath a sign saying, "Petersburg Amateur Radio Club Field Day" an operator wailed, "I can hear all four of you guys on the same frequency." They were speaking our language.

Clyde said, "Me friend. Me K4QRM." The natives of Virginia were very friendly.

For the next week we explored plantations, climbed the Washington Monument and toured Civil War battlefields.

We had been without a newspaper for weeks. We didn't know what was going on in the world and we didn't miss it. We tried the car radio a few times but we were usually too far from a station to hear much. When we got somebody loud and clear they were playing records. These all seemed to feature three drums, a retarded singer with adenoids and a loose guitar. Clyde said, "I get better music than that by whistling to WWV."

We stopped in the Blue Ridge Mountains one night when the temperature dropped to the low forties. My camping enthusiasm dropped right along with it. We put sweat shirts on over our flannel pajamas and rolled ourselves into large blanket-covered lumps. "Man could use a hot final on a night like this," said the lump beside me.

We camped in state parks, national parks, forests and beaches. We scratched mosquito bites, wrung out rain-soaked shorts and patched canvas. We ate Tennessee catfish, Maryland crab, southern-fried chicken and Virginia ham. We headed home several pounds heavier but light in heart and check-book.

When we pulled into our front yard it looked curried and combed and tame after our three weeks in the backwoods. The house was cleaner and larger. I felt like giving the refrigerator a big fat kiss. A neighbor came over to help us unload the car and trailer. He asked, "Did you really get away from it all?" (From the way we made him work he must have thought we had taken it all with us.)

"Get away from it? Man, did we!" Clyde said. "Got our first newscast this morning. We didn't know about Castro's tractors or that triple space shot, hadn't heard anything about the Berlin crisis or any of that stuff. I'm telling you, if we hadn't stumbled over it, we wouldn't have even known that last Saturday was Field Day!"

Greater proof hath no man.

If you see him and you ask him about the trip, I can tell you what he'll say. It goes like this:

"How far did you travel, Clyde?"

"Went 4,000 miles but all except two days were in 4-land."

"What did you see, Clyde?"

"We saw some of the prettiest country in the East, I guess. All kinds of country. And we only saw two halos on the entire trip."

Which all goes to prove that you can take the boy away from radio but-.

Love,
Mabel

(Editors note: This letter may seem a lil farfetched but we were assured by Mabel that all of this really happened!)

DE FOREST RANKS WITH THE GREAT

The death of Dr. Lee De Forest in Hollywood, Calif. received relatively little attention in the welter of holiday weekend news, yet his passing ends a career which immeasurably changed our way of living.

It is no exaggeration to say that Dr. De Forest, inventor of the radio vacuum tube, will rank in history with Edison, Bell and Marconi, to name a few who have contributed to our modern civilization.

There are many now living who were radio "hams" at the time, in 1906, when Dr. De Forest invented his "audion" tube. It was an invention which revolutionized radio communication, and which became the basis of "wireless telephone," or radio, as we know it, and made television possible.

He was 87 at his death, but still active. At 84 he applied for a patent on a four-inch television set which can be hung on the wall like a picture.

He lived a full and rewarding life.